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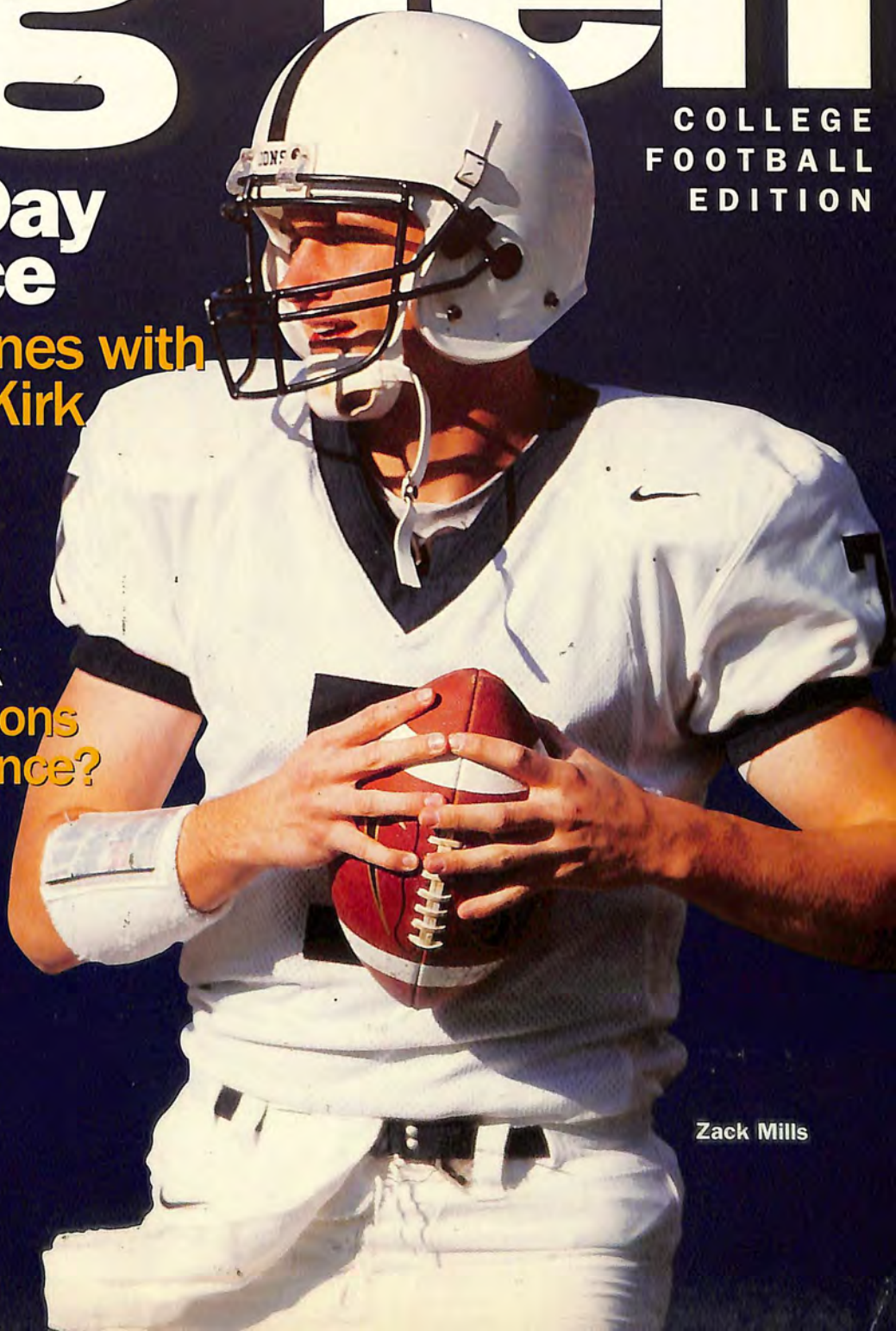
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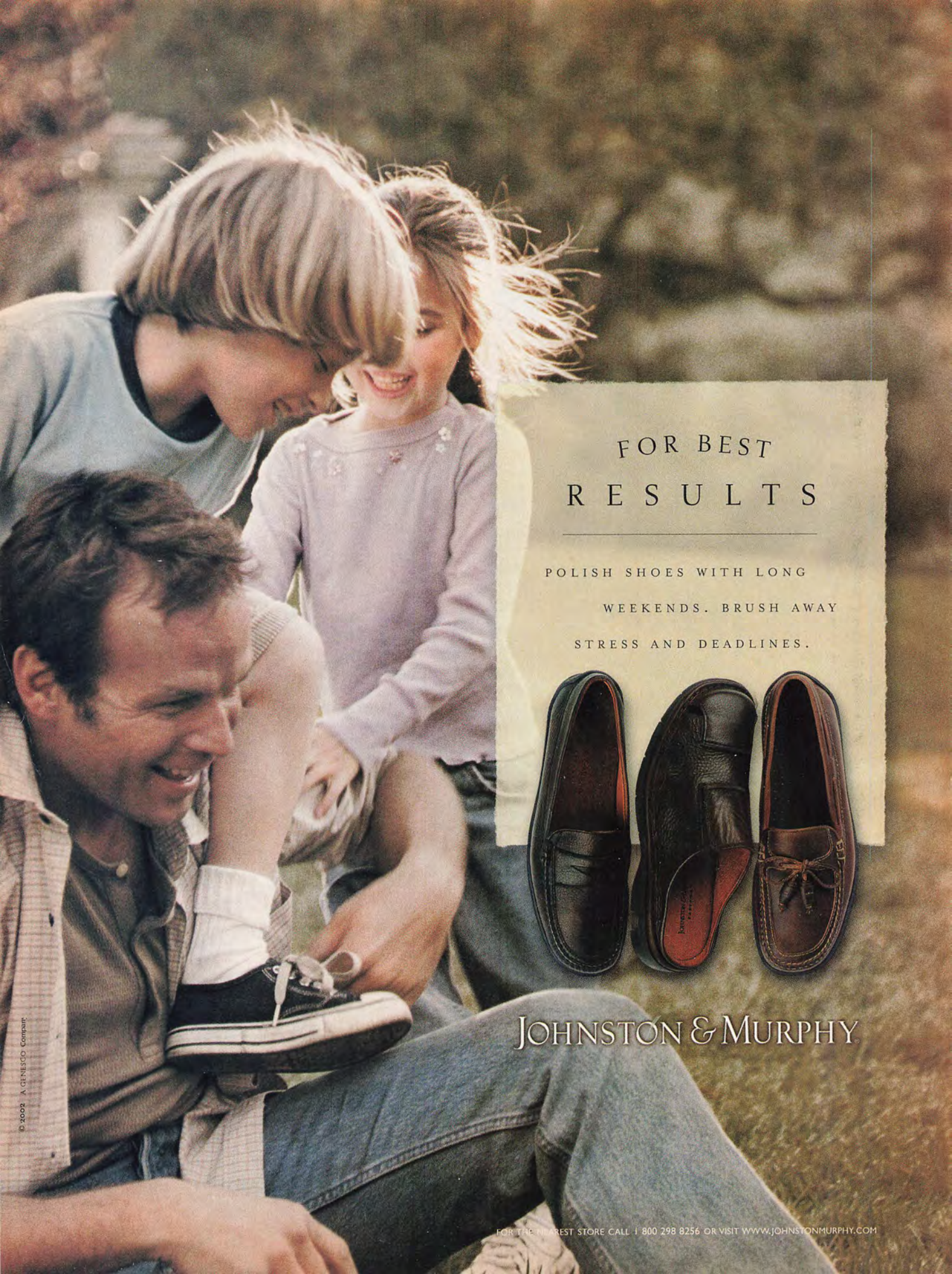


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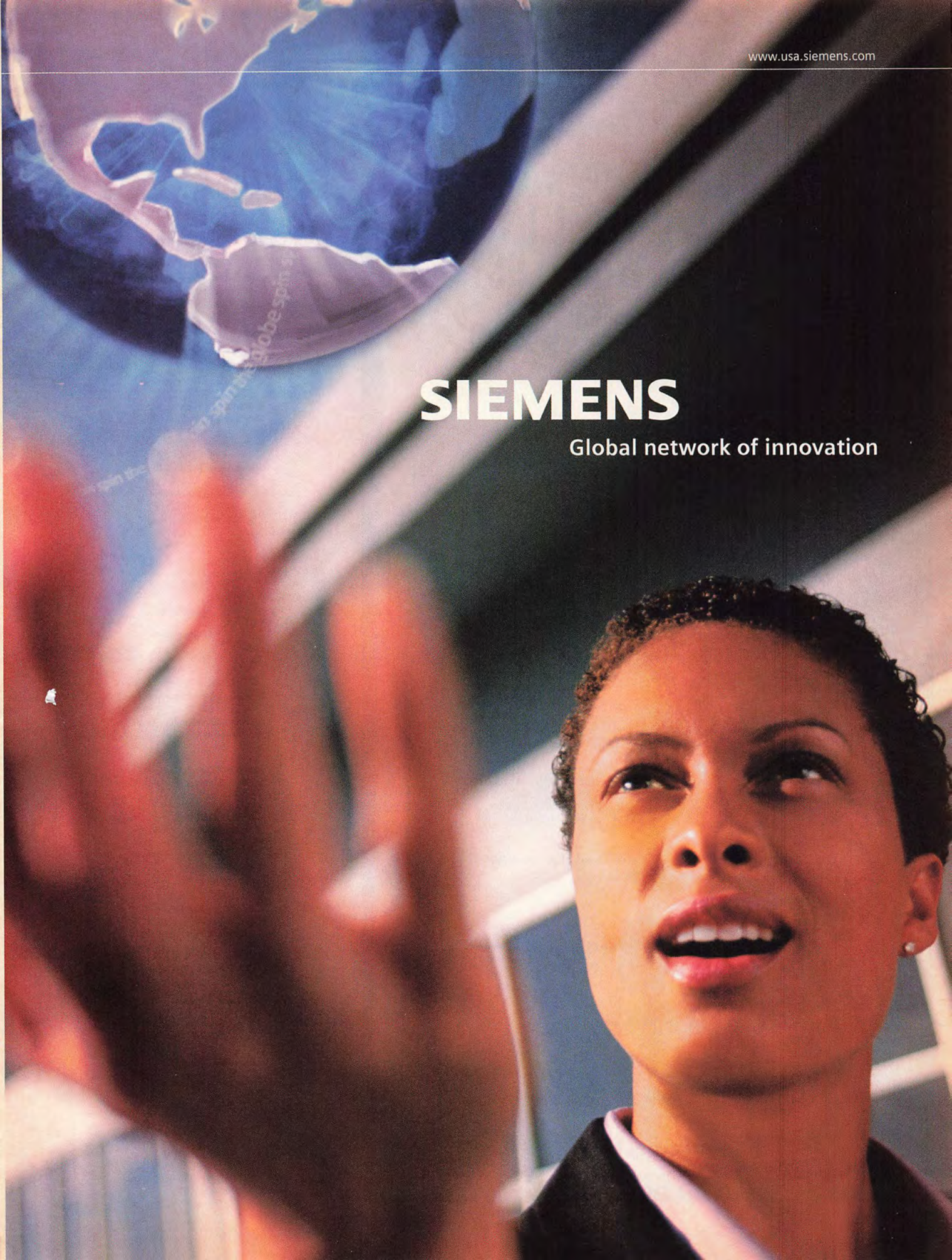


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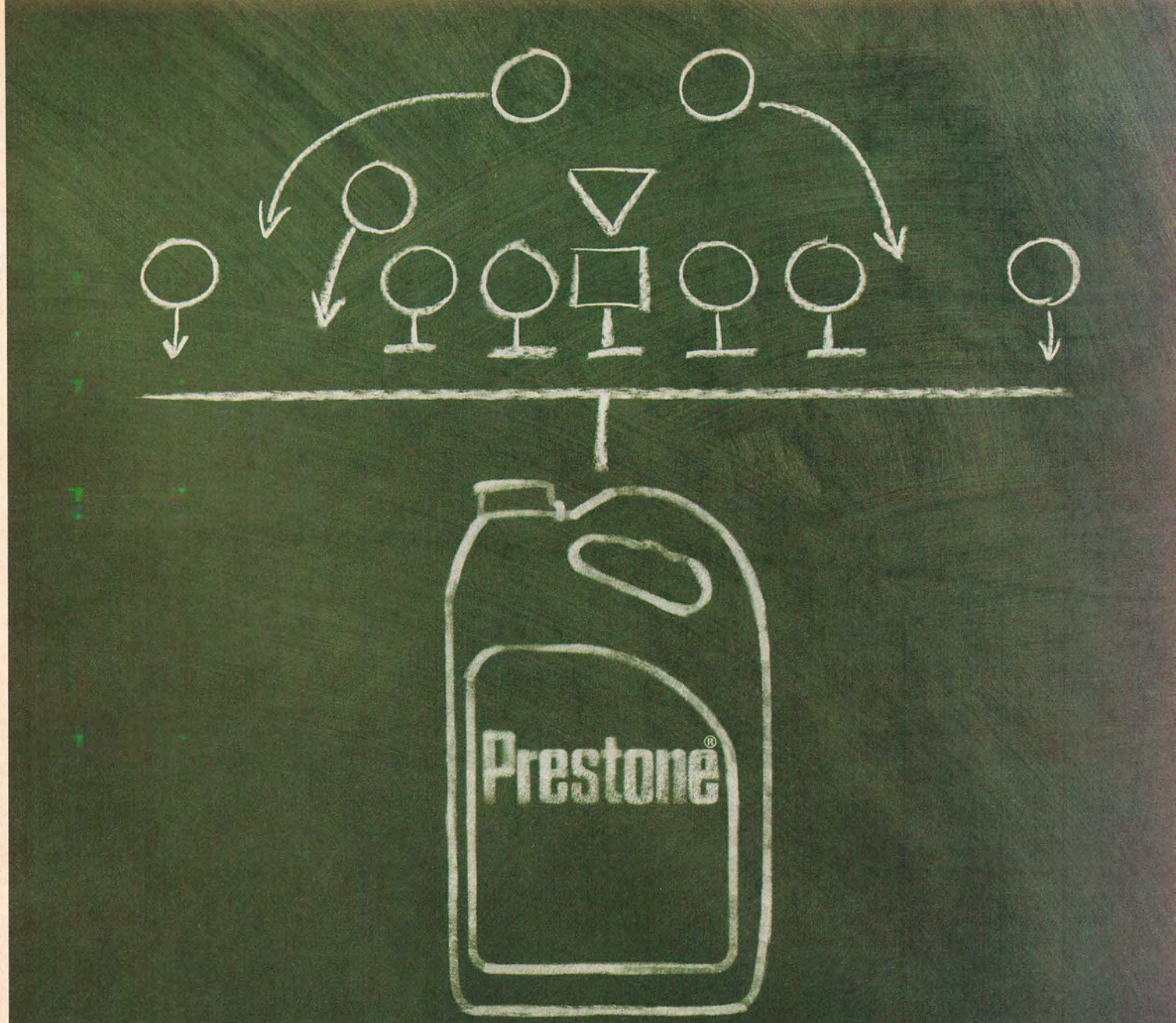
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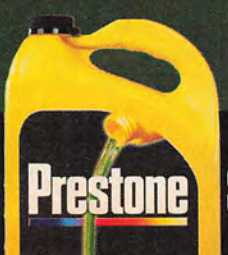
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editor's letter

I know the BCS endured some criticism last season, but realistically, has anyone devised a better formula? I've always considered myself in the pro-playoff corner, but I must say last November swayed me enough so that I can, at least, accept the current system.

Here's why. Had there been a playoff system in place last season, (assuming the best eight teams are chosen using the current BCS system), the outcome of several games in November would not have meant so much. Going into the Thanksgiving weekend, probably six or seven teams (Miami, Nebraska, Florida, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Oregon and Texas) would have had spots wrapped up for the eight-team playoff. Washington, BYU, Maryland and Illinois would have had pretty good arguments as well.

The outcome of the Oklahoma-Oklahoma State game would have changed very little in terms of the national playoff picture. Oklahoma was in the playoffs, win or lose to Oklahoma State. The same could be said for Florida even after losing to Tennessee.



Brian Barr/Allsport

When these state rivals met last November, there was more at stake than bragging rights or even a conference championship.

But with just two teams in the national playoff, every game was critical. Oklahoma-Oklahoma State, Texas-Colorado, Tennessee-Florida, Oregon-Oregon State, Miami-Washington and Miami-Virginia Tech all had a bearing on the national title picture. In fact, all of those games were elimination games. Under a playoff system, the game at Virginia Tech would not have been a must win for Miami. The Hurricanes would have been invited to a playoff even with that loss. However, under the current system a loss to Virginia Tech might have knocked the Hurricanes out of the Rose Bowl.

To carry the point further, games late in the basketball season may affect seeding somewhat, but the real do-or-die games only affect teams ranked 30-50 trying to play their way into the tournament with no real hope of a national title.

Under the current football format the do-or-die games are reserved for only the elite.

At any rate, the BCS is here to stay for a while, so let's enjoy the excitement that both the games and arguments bring. Could it be tweaked somewhat? Sure. One idea would be to allow only conference champions to participate in the national title game. Take the champions of every conference (including the Sun Belt, MWC, MAC and WAC) and put those 11 teams in the computers and run the same formulas devised for the BCS currently. That would ensure that a team that finishes second in its conference (or second in its division, a la Nebraska) could not play for a national title.

One aspect that college football has that no other sport in America enjoys is the sense of urgency attached to every game. MLB, NBA, NHL and even the NFL can't boast any sense of urgency to the regular season that comes with college football. A second loss in the fall, and your hopes for a national title are dashed. In a sense, every team plays its own elimination games throughout the season.

As the pressure to win elimination games on Saturdays mounts, so do the stakes for universities and athletic departments. Each new season means bigger stadiums, more skyboxes, state-of-the-art workout facilities, hi-tech equipment and fatter budgets.

In *Arms Race* on page 31, Joey Knight covers college football's building boom. Universities are committing more and more money to facilities in order to compete for that elusive National Championship.

Why have the stakes grown to such heights? Because the popularity of college football continues to skyrocket. More games are on television, there's instant information available via the internet, and fans are tuned in to the gridiron like never before.

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Our editor Mitchell Light spent a few days with the crew and relates to our readers what goes on behind the scenes during a week in the life of the GameDay production team. See what Chris, Lee and Kirk have to offer beginning on page 23.

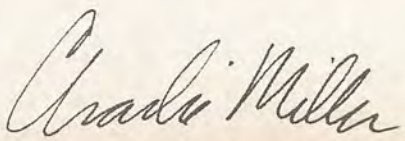
There may never be a better time to be a college football fan, but when I was in high school and college Marcus Marek, Gabe Rivera, Tom Ramsey and Allama Matthews were making names for themselves, entertaining fans in Columbus, Lubbock, Los Angeles and Nashville. You may not remember the names now, but you recognized them back in 1982. These are four All-Americans we caught up with this spring to see what life has been like after football. Their stories begin on page 54.

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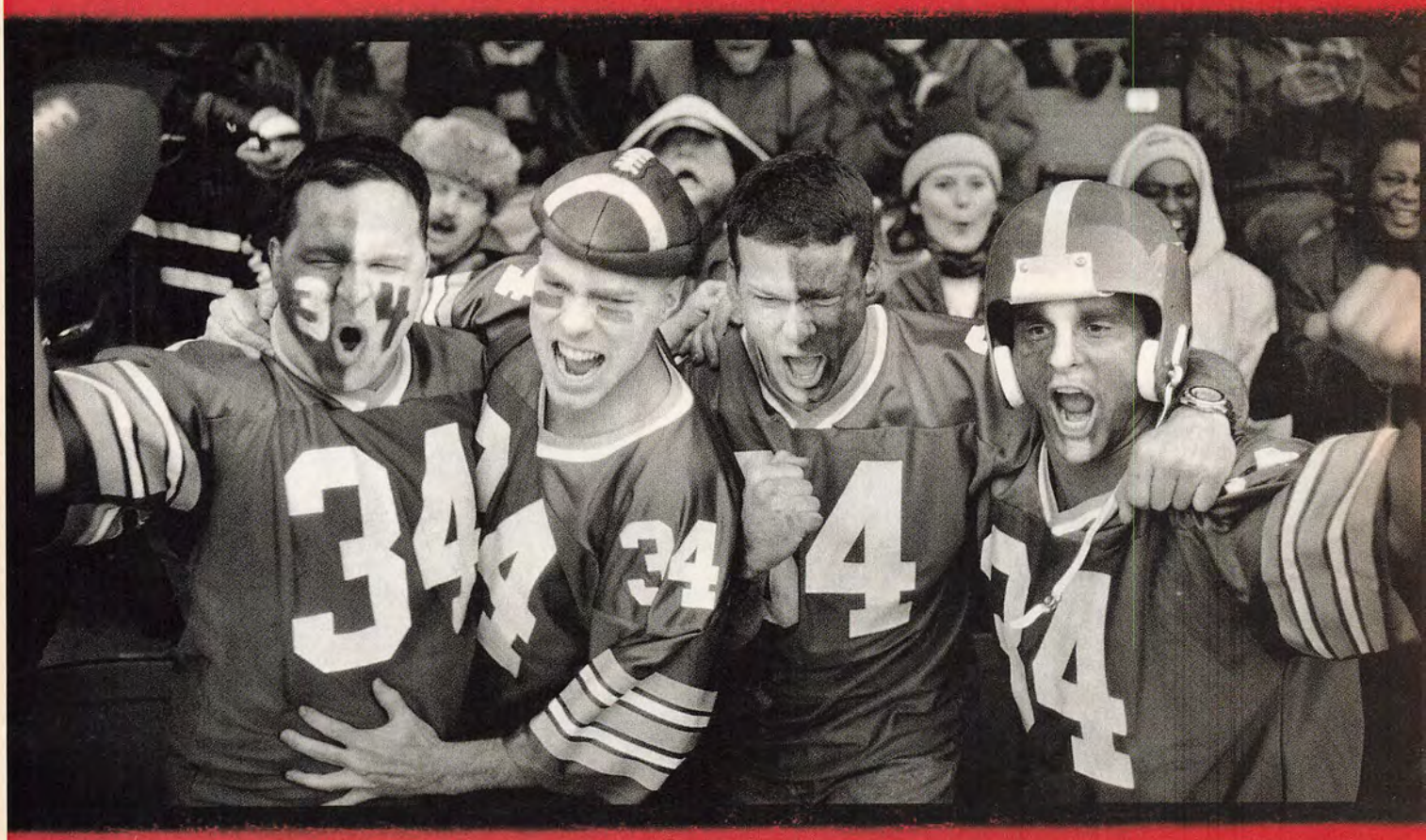
We'd love to know what you think about the BCS and a playoff system. Tell us who you would like to see featured from the Class of 1983 in next year's edition. We love to hear from you at editor@athlonsports.com.

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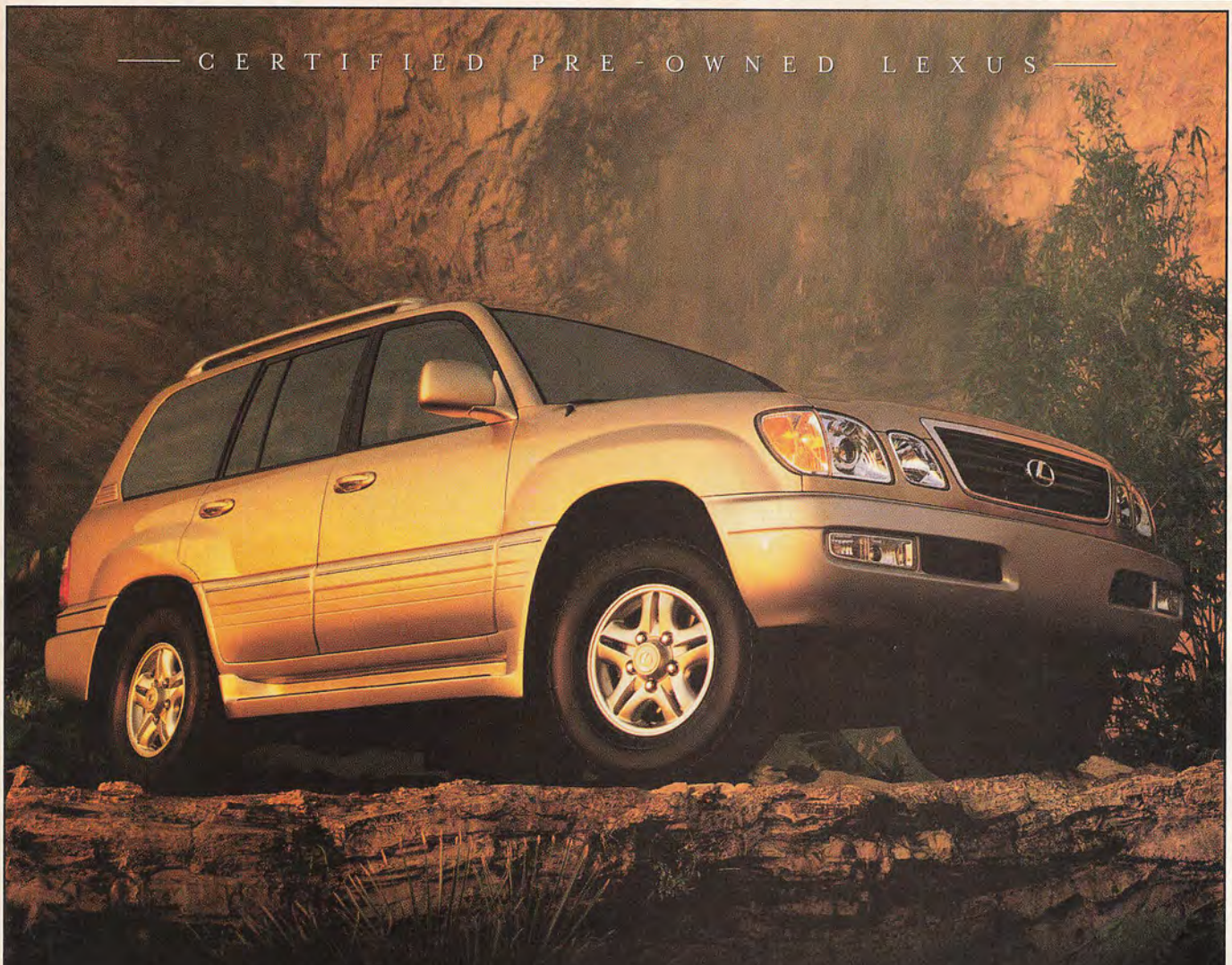


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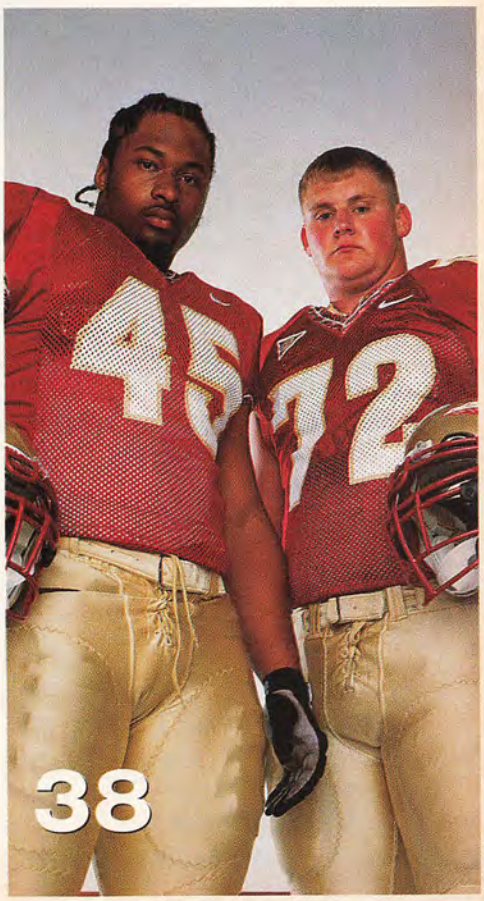
Miami was college football's dominant team in 2001, but five first-round draft picks later, the Hurricanes are just one of many with a legitimate shot at spending New Year's in Tempe. So who's our pick for No. 1? Here's a hint: They'll love it in Tallahassee and hate it in Gainesville.



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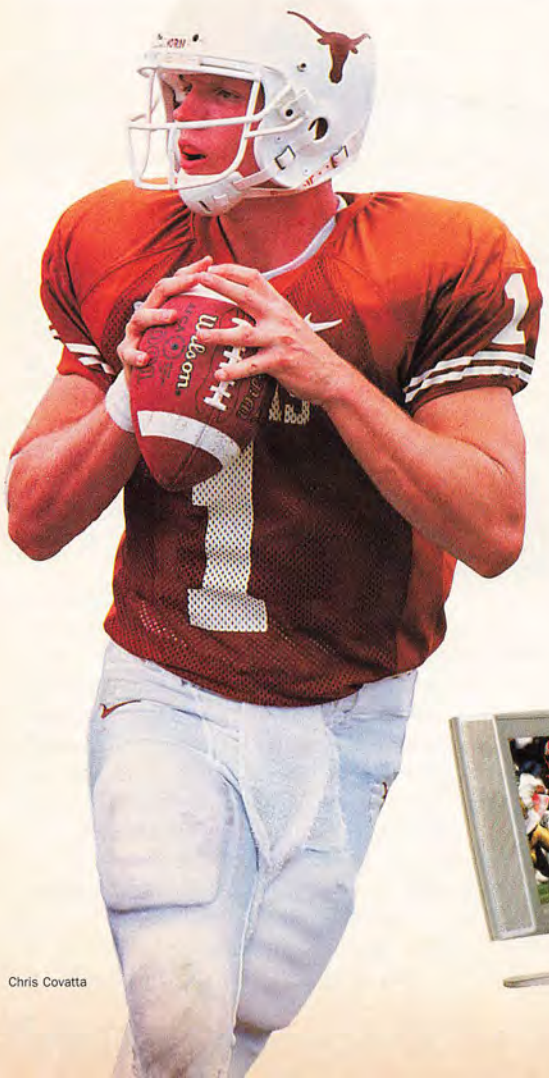
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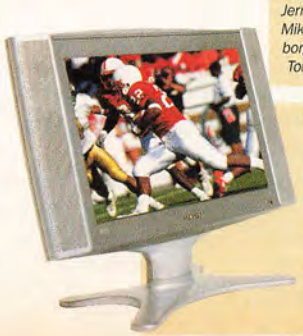
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Okay, I'll admit it. We in the media are a very selfish lot. While normal people divide the world into Good vs. Evil, Right vs. Wrong, Fair vs. Unfair, we in the Fourth Estate basically place all of human existence into just two categories: You're either a Good Quote or a Bad Quote.

If you're a Good Quote, we don't care if you're stealing food stamps from orphans. Just say something clever as the cops are taking you away and all is forgiven. You are *our guy.*

If you're a Bad Quote, we don't care if you're Mother Teresa, you'll get no slack from us. We are, after all, on deadline.

Which is why, as the 2002 college football season approaches, I'm about to say something that could get my diploma revoked by the University of Georgia: I am going to miss Steve Spurrier, a.k.a., the Florida "ball coach." If you're a real college football fan, you're going to miss him too.



Spurrier made a lot of people mad during his 12 seasons at Florida, including the "media boys," as he liked to call us. He made other coaches mad because he came into a school that had never won an SEC championship and had the audacity to win six. He averaged 10 wins per year at a school that had never won 10 games in *any* year before he got there. He also won a National Championship.

He made athletic directors mad because he single-handedly changed the pay scale for all college football coaches. Before he got to Florida, nobody would dare to suggest that a college football coach was worth $1 million per year. Today there are more than 20 Division I coaches in the Million Dollar Club.

He forever changed the way college football was played in the Southeastern Conference. When Spurrier arrived, the SEC was a blood-and-guts conference built on defense and the running game. His Fun 'n' Gun offense forced every team in the league to adjust. Other than Bear Bryant, no single coach has ever had as great an impact on the SEC.

And he did all this, God bless him, while keeping our notebooks full. He was not afraid to call Florida State "Free Shoes University." When Tennessee was beating everybody in the world *but* Florida, Spurrier reminded the world that you couldn't spell "Citrus," as in Bowl, without "UT." He would stand up in a room full of media and verbally spar with SEC Commissioner Roy Kramer on the wisdom of Kramer's beloved BCS.

Spurrier was a playoff guy because of all the things he disliked, he hated ambiguity the most. Let's put your 11 against my 11. Your ball plays against my ball plays. Whoever wins, wins. Talking and arguing about who has the best team is for losers, he said. Let's play.

Spurrier eventually grew tired of the uncertainty of the college game; the silly and sometimes demeaning nature of the recruiting process; the fact that when he charged Florida State's Darnell Dockett with trying to hurt running back Earnest Graham "nobody seemed to give a damn but me and Earnest Graham"; a fan base that had forgotten how bad things were in 1990 when he took over and had become "disappointed" with 10-win seasons.

Those things, plus the 25 million big ones the Washington Redskins will pay him over the next five years, were reason enough for Spurrier to walk away from the college game and finally take his shot at winning on Sundays.

Yes, Florida will still fill its stadium, and the Gators will continue to be competitive in the SEC. But somehow, the games aren't going to be quite as much fun, especially for us ink-stained wretches holding the note pads.

Yes, Spurrier's departure sparked dancing in the streets of Knoxville, Tenn., and Athens, Ga. But let's face it. In the future, those fans aren't going to get nearly as much joy out of beating Florida.

Last Oct. 13, when Auburn was about to upset Florida, a seemingly educated woman stood up in a bar in Tallahassee, Fla., to watch the final moments on television. Her beloved Florida State team had been hammered earlier in the day by Miami, the eventual National Champions. Didn't matter. That's because Steve Spurrier, the man they all loved to hate, was getting ready to go down.

When the camera panned to a distraught and disgusted Spurrier, the woman jumped into a chair to get closer to the screen.

"Throw the $%^&* visor, Spurrier!" she screamed.

In college football, that kind of passion is not easily replaced.

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Nobody asked me but:

This is the first of two consecutive years that schools will be allowed to play 12 regular-season games. Then we are supposed to go back to the conventional 11-game slate. Don't bet on it.

Once the athletic directors get a taste of that additional revenue, which will exceed $1 million in many places, they will start lobbying to make the 12th game a permanent fixture. It's been 31 years since the 11th game was added in 1971.

And please, let's not hear any more puffery from college muckety-mucks who tell us the reason that there can't be a playoff is it would require the student-athlete to play too many games. This season Nebraska will play in one of the many "preseason" games which, thankfully, are going by the wayside. Then the Cornhuskers will play 12 regular season games. If they play in the Big 12 championship, that's No. 14 and a bowl would be 15. That's the number that schools in other divisions play when they reach the finals of their respective playoffs. Case closed.

So much was lost in the tragedy of last Sept. 11. Let us hope that the Downtown Athletic Club, the home of the Heisman Trophy, isn't added to that horrible list. The DAC, some four blocks away from the World Trade Center towers, was in bad shape, physically and financially, before Sept. 11. Now it is closed and the creditors are closing in. James Corcoran, the president since May of 2001, is trying to pull together the financing to bring the DAC back from the brink. We wish him well. Yes, the DAC needs a lot of work. It's 70 years old. But the idea of presenting the Heisman Trophy at Disney World just doesn't stir the blood.





Leave it to Jarrett Payton, son of the Great Walter, to bring some sanity to an otherwise crazy situation. Some fans were all frantic last spring when two Miami playbooks — one offense, one defense — were stolen from the coaches offices. Portions of the playbook were posted on the Internet. Would this, pray tell, undermine the hopes of the defending national champions?

No. 1, knowing what's in the playbook doesn't tell the opposing side of the ball when it's coming. That's kind of important.

No. 2, said Payton. "Even if you know it's coming, it's another thing to stop it."

Think about it. If Nebraska's Cornhuskers had the Miami playbook memorized from cover to cover, would their butt-kicking in the Rose Bowl been any less severe?

Exactly.

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The football program at Marshall University has come a long way since Nov. 14, 1970, when a tragic plane crash killed 75 players, coaches and supporters. Today Marshall is the dominant program in the MAC and has won 69 games in the past six seasons.

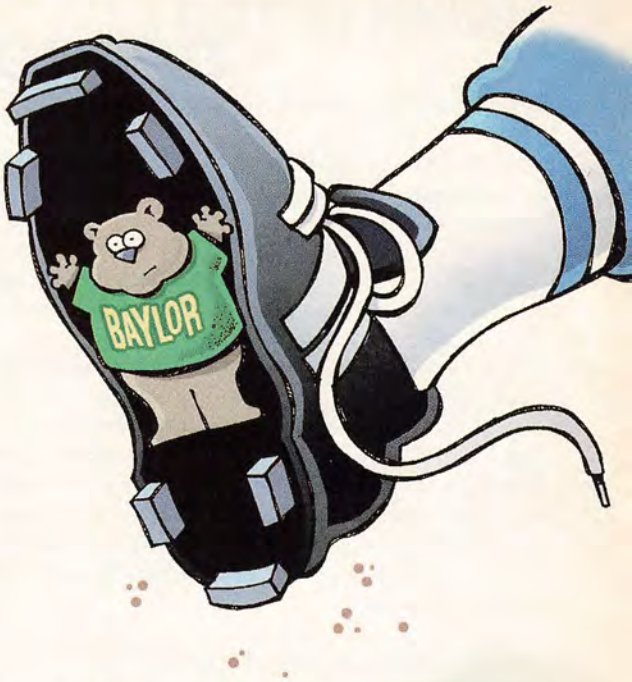
Two Thundering Herd fans want the current players to have a link to that tragic event almost 32 years ago. Millard Robertson and Ric Griffith saved four pieces of the plane that went down and may encase them in glass. Griffith said he wants the Marshall players to touch the pieces of the plane before each home game, like Clemson players touch Howard's Rock before running down the hill in Death Valley.

On first blush, it sounds a bit bizarre, asking players to tap into such a human tragedy just prior to playing a game. But coach Bob Pruett insists that the whole thing would be done in a dignified manner.

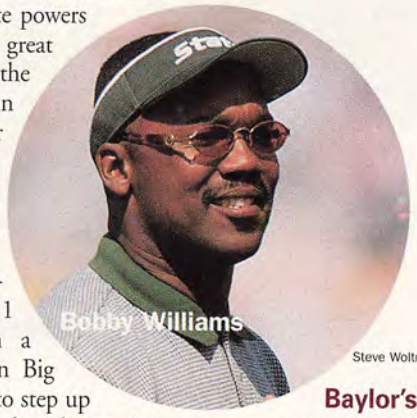
"I don't think there would be another event in all of college sports that would have the emotion or meaning that this tradition could have," said Pruett. "I think it's another step toward closure and another step toward honoring those great players."

WOULDN'T WANT TO BE.....

If you're having a bad day, just be thankful you're not one of these coaches, some of whom will soon be asked to update their résumés:



Michigan State's Bobby Williams. When Nick Saban left for LSU, the Michigan State powers that be went to great lengths to keep the remaining staff in place under Williams. The players also wanted Williams. Let the record show that Michigan State is 13–11 post-Saban, with a record of 5–11 in Big Ten games. Time to step up to the plate, even though running back T.J. Duckett is gone. With eight home games, including the first five, the Spartans have a chance. Thanks to the vagaries of the Big Ten schedule, Michigan State also gets to duck Ohio State and Illinois this season.



Steve Woltmann

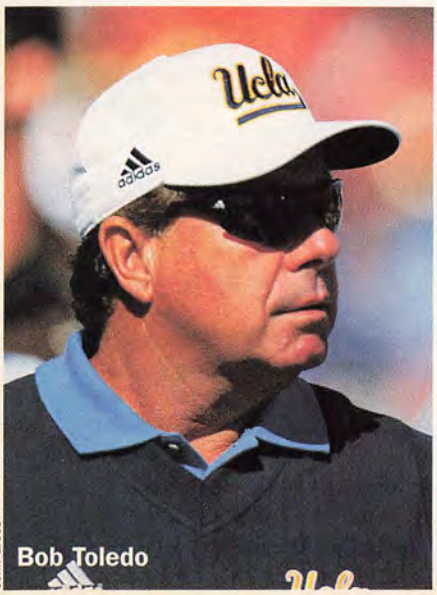
Baylor's Kevin Steele, who is 6–27 in three seasons and 0-for the Big 12, sporting a smooth conference slate of 0–24. It can be said that Baylor's entry into the Big 12 has been less than a smashing success. The Bears are 3–45 in conference play in six years.

Duke's Carl Franks. When Franks was hired after the 1998 season, he appeared to be the perfect fit. Franks played for Duke (1980-82) when Steve Spurrier was the offensive coordinator. He was an assistant to Spurrier at Duke when the Blue Devils won their last ACC championship (1989). He served a lengthy apprenticeship under Spurrier at Florida, during which the Gators won five SEC championships.

But thus far, the returns have not been good for Franks at Duke. The Blue Devils enter the 2002 season with a nation-leading 23-game losing streak. In three seasons, Franks is 3–30 at his alma mater.

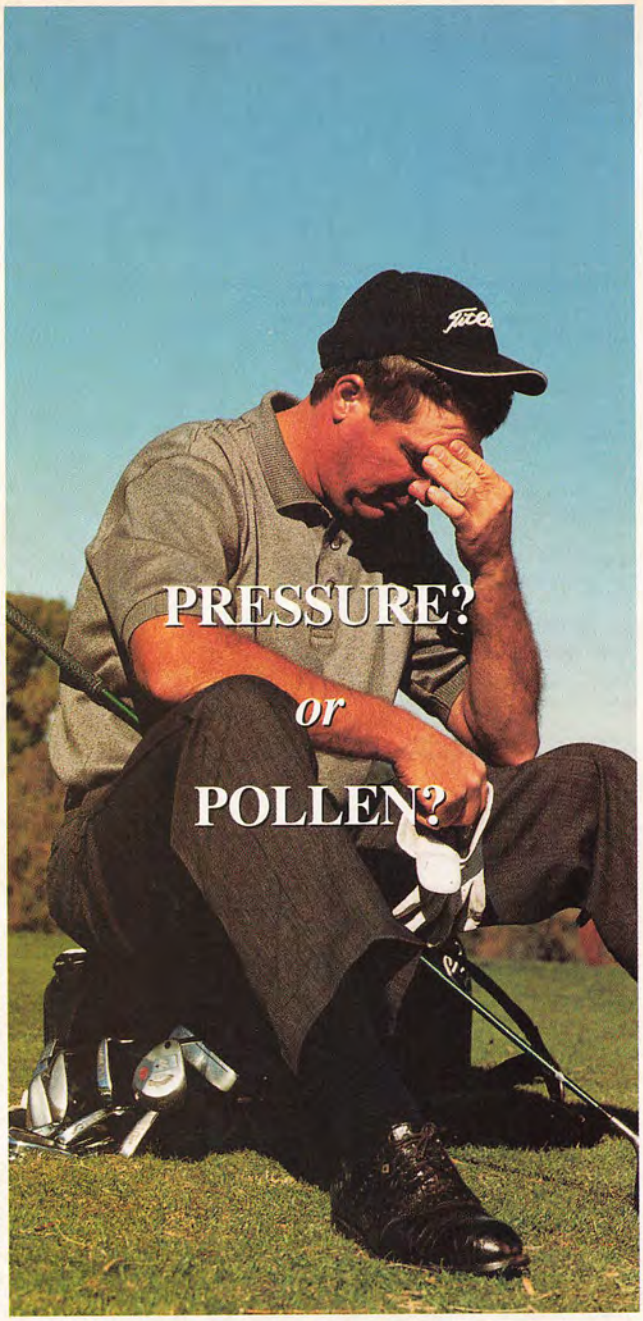
Duke's best hope for a win comes on Sept. 28 when the Blue Devils go to Navy, which was also winless last season. Good thing college football has done away with ties.

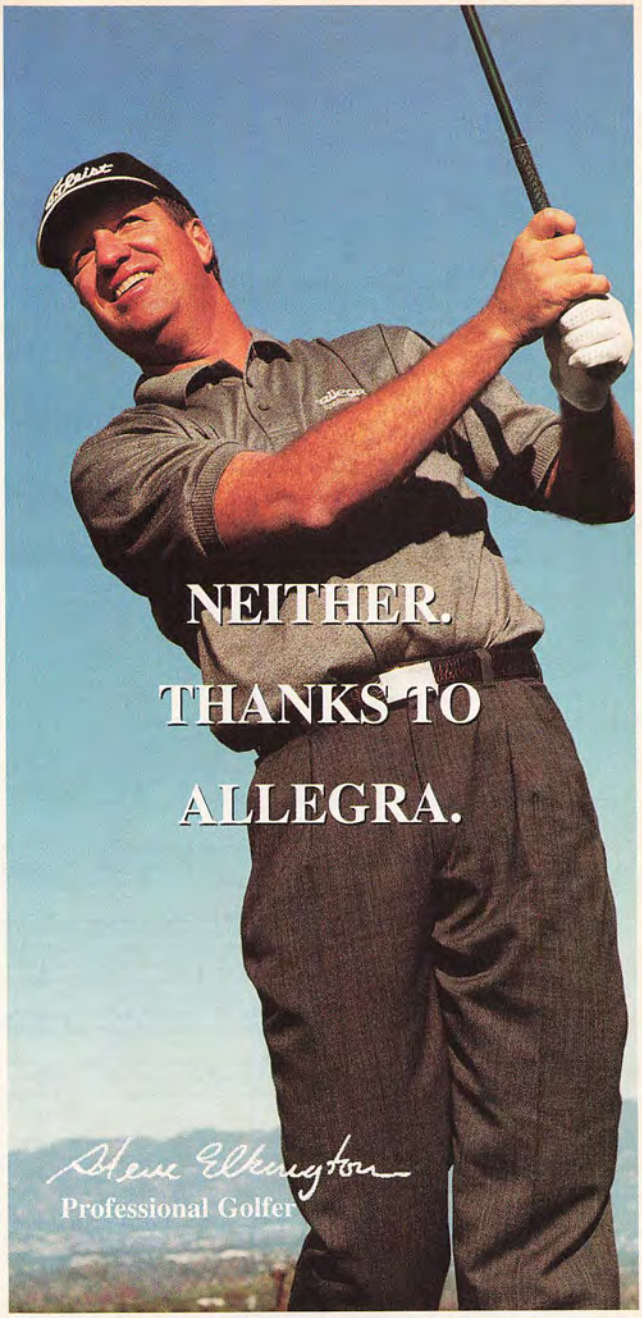
UCLA's Bob Toledo. In 1998 UCLA started 10–0 and needed a win over Miami to earn a spot in the National Championship game in the Fiesta Bowl. The Bruins lost 49–45 and have been on a downward spiral ever since. Toledo is 17–17 the past three seasons and was 6–0 last year before collapsing down the stretch with a 1–4 finish. The natives in Westwood are starting to get restless.



John Gress







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ALLEGRA®

(fexofenadine hydrochloride)

Capsules and Tablets

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis

ALLEGRA is indicated for the relief of symptoms associated with seasonal allergic rhinitis in adults and children 6 years of age and older. Symptoms treated effectively were sneezing, rhinorrhea, itchy nose/palate/throat, itchy/watery/red eyes.

Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria

ALLEGRA is indicated for treatment of uncomplicated skin manifestations of chronic idiopathic urticaria in adults and children 6 years of age and older. It significantly reduces pruritus and the number of wheals.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

ALLEGRA is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any of its ingredients.

PRECAUTIONS

Drug Interaction with Erythromycin and Ketoconazole

Fexofenadine hydrochloride has been shown to exhibit minimal (ca. 5%) metabolism. However, co-administration of fexofenadine hydrochloride with ketoconazole and erythromycin led to increased plasma levels of fexofenadine hydrochloride. Fexofenadine hydrochloride had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of erythromycin and ketoconazole. In two separate studies, fexofenadine hydrochloride 120 mg twice daily (two times the recommended twice daily dose) was co-administered with erythromycin 500 mg every 8 hours or ketoconazole 400 mg once daily under steady-state conditions to normal, healthy volunteers (n=24, each study). No differences in adverse events or QT_c interval were observed when patients were administered fexofenadine hydrochloride alone or in combination with erythromycin or ketoconazole. The findings of these studies are summarized in the following table:

Effects on steady-state fexofenadine hydrochloride pharmacokinetics after 7 days of co-administration with fexofenadine hydrochloride 120 mg every 12 hours (two times the recommended twice daily dose) in normal volunteers (n=24)

Concomitant Drug	*C_{maxSS} (Peak plasma concentration)*	*$AUC_{ss(0\text{-}12h)}$ (Extent of systemic exposure)*
Erythromycin (500 mg every 8 hrs)	+82%	+109%
Ketoconazole (400 mg once daily)	+135%	+164%

The changes in plasma levels were within the range of plasma levels achieved in adequate and well-controlled clinical trials.

The mechanism of these interactions has been evaluated in *in vitro*, *in situ*, and *in vivo* animal models. These studies indicate that ketoconazole or erythromycin co-administration enhances fexofenadine gastrointestinal absorption. *In vivo* animal studies also suggest that in addition to increasing absorption, ketoconazole decreases fexofenadine hydrochloride gastrointestinal secretion, while erythromycin may also decrease biliary excretion.

Drug Interactions with Antacids

Administration of 120 mg of fexofenadine hydrochloride (2 x 60 mg capsule) within 15 minutes of an aluminum and magnesium containing antacid (Maalox®) decreased fexofenadine AUC by 41% and C_{max} by 43%. ALLEGRA should not be taken closely in time with aluminum and magnesium containing antacids.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

The carcinogenic potential and reproductive toxicity of fexofenadine hydrochloride were assessed using terfenadine studies with adequate fexofenadine hydrochloride exposure (based on plasma area-under-the-concentration vs. time [AUC] values). No evidence of carcinogenicity was observed in an 18-month study in mice and in a 24-month study in rats at oral doses up to 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (which led to fexofenadine exposures that were respectively approximately 3 and 5 times the exposure from the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults and children).

In *in vitro* (Bacterial Reverse Mutation, CHO/HGPRT Forward Mutation, and Rat Lymphocyte Chromosomal Aberration assays) and *in vivo* (Mouse Bone Marrow Micronucleus assay) tests, fexofenadine hydrochloride revealed no evidence of mutagenicity.

In rat fertility studies, dose-related reductions in implants and increases in postimplantation losses were observed at an oral dose of 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (which led to fexofenadine hydrochloride exposures that were approximately 3 times the exposure of the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults).

Pregnancy

Teratogenic Effects: Category C. There was no evidence of teratogenicity in rats or rabbits at oral doses of terfenadine up to 300 mg/kg (which led to fexofenadine exposures that were approximately 4 and 31 times, respectively, the exposure from the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine in adults).

There are no adequate and well controlled studies in pregnant women. Fexofenadine should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Nonteratogenic Effects. Dose-related decreases in pup weight gain and survival were observed in rats exposed to an oral dose of 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (approximately 3 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults based on comparison of fexofenadine hydrochloride AUCs).

Nursing Mothers

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in women during lactation. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when fexofenadine hydrochloride is administered to a nursing woman.

Pediatric Use

The recommended dose in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on cross-study comparison of the pharmacokinetics of ALLEGRA in adults and pediatric patients and on the safety profile of fexofenadine hydrochloride in both adult and pediatric patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended doses.

The safety of ALLEGRA tablets at a dose of 30 mg twice daily has been demonstrated in 438 pediatric patients 6 to 11 years of age in two placebo-controlled 2-week seasonal allergic rhinitis trials. The safety of ALLEGRA for the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on cross-study comparison of the pharmacokinetics of ALLEGRA in adult and pediatric patients and on the safety profile of fexofenadine in both adult and pediatric patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended dose.

The effectiveness of ALLEGRA for the treatment of seasonal allergic rhinitis in patients 6 to 11 years of age was demonstrated in one trial (n=411) in which ALLEGRA tablets 30 mg twice daily significantly reduced total symptom scores compared to placebo, along with extrapolation of demonstrated efficacy in patients ages 12 years and above, and the pharmacokinetic comparisons in adults and children. The effectiveness of ALLEGRA for the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on an extrapolation of the demonstrated efficacy of ALLEGRA in adults with this condition and the likelihood that the disease course, pathophysiology and the drug's effect are substantially similar in children to that of adult patients.

The safety and effectiveness of ALLEGRA in pediatric patients under 6 years of age have not been established.

Geriatric Use

Clinical studies of ALLEGRA tablets and capsules did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 years and over to determine whether this population responds differently from younger patients. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the geriatric and younger patients. This drug is known to be substantially excreted by the kidney, and the risk of toxic reactions to this drug may be greater in patients with impaired renal function. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection, and may be useful to monitor renal function. (See CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY).

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis

Adults. In placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis clinical trials in patients 12 years of age and older, which included 2461 patients receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride capsules at doses of 20 mg to 240 mg twice daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. All adverse events that were reported by greater than 1% of patients who received the recommended daily dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride (60 mg capsules twice daily), and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo, are listed in Table 1.

In a placebo-controlled clinical study in the United States, which included 570 patients aged 12 years and older receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 120 or 180 mg once daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. Table 1 also lists adverse experiences that were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 180 mg once daily and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo.

The incidence of adverse events, including drowsiness, was not dose-related and was similar across subgroups defined by age, gender, and race.

Table 1

Adverse experiences in patients ages 12 years and older reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis clinical trials in the United States

Twice daily dosing with fexofenadine capsules at rates of greater than 1%

Adverse experience	*Fexofenadine 60 mg Twice Daily (n=679)*	*Placebo Twice Daily (n=671)*
Viral Infection (cold, flu)	2.5%	1.5%
Nausea	1.6%	1.5%
Dysmenorrhea	1.5%	0.3%
Drowsiness	1.3%	0.9%
Dyspepsia	1.3%	0.6%
Fatigue	1.3%	0.9%

Once daily dosing with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at rates of greater than 2%

Adverse experience	*Fexofenadine 180 mg once daily (n=283)*	*Placebo (n=293)*
Headache	10.6%	7.5%
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	3.2%	3.1%
Back Pain	2.8%	1.4%

The frequency and magnitude of laboratory abnormalities were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients.

Pediatric. Table 2 lists adverse experiences in patients aged 6 to 11 years of age which were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at a dose of 30 mg twice daily in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies in the United States and Canada that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo.

Table 2

Adverse experiences reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies in pediatric patients ages 6 to 11 in the United States and Canada at rates of greater than 2%

Adverse experience	*Fexofenadine 30 mg twice daily (n=209)*	*Placebo (n=229)*
Headache	7.2%	6.6%
Accidental Injury	2.9%	1.3%
Coughing	3.8%	1.3%
Fever	2.4%	0.9%
Pain	2.4%	0.4%
Otitis Media	2.4%	0.0%
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	4.3%	1.7%

Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria

Adverse events reported by patients 12 years of age and older in placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria studies were similar to those reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies. In placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria clinical trials, which included 726 patients 12 years of age and older receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 20 to 240 mg twice daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. Table 3 lists adverse experiences in patients aged 12 years and older which were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride 60 mg tablets twice daily in controlled clinical studies in the United States and Canada and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo. The safety of fexofenadine hydrochloride in the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in pediatric patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on the safety profile of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults and adolescent patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended dose (see Pediatric Use).

Table 3

Adverse experiences reported in patients 12 years and older in placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria studies in the United States and Canada at rates of greater than 2%

Adverse experience	*Fexofenadine 60 mg twice daily (n=186)*	*Placebo (n=178)*
Back Pain	2.2%	1.1%
Sinusitis	2.2%	1.1%
Dizziness	2.2%	0.6%
Drowsiness	2.2%	0.0%

Events that have been reported during controlled clinical trials involving seasonal allergic rhinitis and chronic idiopathic urticaria patients with incidences less than 1% and similar to placebo and have been rarely reported during postmarketing surveillance include: insomnia, nervousness, and sleep disorders or paroniria. In rare cases, rash, urticaria, pruritus and hypersensitivity reactions with manifestations such as angioedema, chest tightness, dyspnea, flushing and systemic anaphylaxis have been reported.

OVERDOSAGE

Reports of fexofenadine hydrochloride overdose have been infrequent and contain limited information. However, dizziness, drowsiness, and dry mouth have been reported. Single doses of fexofenadine hydrochloride up to 800 mg (six normal volunteers at this dose level), and doses up to 690 mg twice daily for 1 month (three normal volunteers at this dose level) or 240 mg once daily for 1 year (234 normal volunteers at this dose level) were administered without the development of clinically significant adverse events as compared to placebo.

In the event of overdose, consider standard measures to remove any unabsorbed drug. Symptomatic and supportive treatment is recommended.

Hemodialysis did not effectively remove fexofenadine hydrochloride from blood (1.7% removed) following terfenadine administration.

No deaths occurred at oral doses of fexofenadine hydrochloride up to 5000 mg/kg in mice (110 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 200 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m^2) and up to 5000 mg/kg in rats (230 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 400 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m^2). Additionally, no clinical signs of toxicity or gross pathological findings were observed. In dogs, no evidence of toxicity was observed at oral doses up to 2000 mg/kg (300 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 530 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m^2).

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REALITY CHECK

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Last season TCU quarterback Casey Printers had prepared himself to be "The Man." He had seen the way the school had promoted running back LaDainian Tomlinson for the Heisman Trophy. So when L.T. went to the NFL, old Casey figured it was his turn to be the featured attraction in Fort Worth. But coach Dennis Franchione went to Alabama and new coach Gary Patterson stuck with the running game. TCU went 6–6 and Casey, upset that the offense was not built around him, decided to transfer to Florida A&M, a Division I-AA school where he will be immediately eligible to play.

"I think I could have been a Heisman guy," Printers told *ESPN, The Magazine*, "if they had done for me what they did for LaDainian. It was the perfect situation and I felt like it was going to be my deal … I don't want to seem like a whiner, so I just decided this was best for me."

Of course, Casey, we understand. And you'll understand if the teammates you left behind in Fort Worth because you weren't getting your yards don't invite you back to the 25th reunion.



North Carolina quarterback Darian Durant had a wonderful freshman season in 2001, throwing for 17 touchdowns as a backup to the oft-injured Ronald Curry. With Curry leaving, Durant was the front-runner to lead the Tar Heels this season. So the UNC fans were more than a little surprised in February when Durant announced that he was leaving to transfer to an undisclosed school.

Durant gave the vaguest of explanations, which is to say, no explanation at all. As it turned out, Darian wasn't much on this idea of off-season conditioning work and throwing. He had not gotten — or not read — the memo that Division I football has pretty much become a year-round sport.

Durant looked around and found that the whole world wasn't clamoring for him to transfer so, a few days into North Carolina's spring practice, Durant stepped up and announced that he was going to stay in Chapel Hill after all. This was not the first time Durant had tried to leave. In 2000, coach John Bunting had to twice talk Durant into staying.

Darian now says he's in Chapel Hill for good.

"Life's too short to be going back and forth with certain situations," says Durant.


Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

After 12 years of the laid-back Steve Spurrier, new coach Ron Zook is trying to bring a little more intensity to the Florida program. He started with spring practice where no one, not even fans, were allowed to sit. Anybody bringing a lawn chair was asked to take it back to the car. That included a 71-year-old lady who had been coming to practice for years. One fan was even asked to leave practice when he refused to stand.

Zook thought about changing the policy but his players said no. "I think, for the most part, the fans respect what we're trying to do," says Zook.

Uh, coach, the fans will respect all this symbolism if you beat Miami, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida State. If you do that, they will gladly stand at practice — on their heads if necessary. If you don't, it won't be an issue next spring. No one will be there.

But Zook must be doing something right as almost 40,000 fans turned out for the Gators' Spring Game on April 6. Zook did allow those folks to sit.

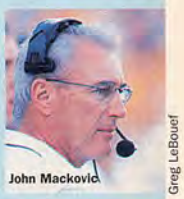
GETTING SERIOUS IN THE PAC-10

This just in: The Pac-10 is really starting to get serious about football. We know this because the coaches are starting to say nasty stuff about each other during recruiting.

Coach Rick Neuheisel, the old guitar player at Washington, got things started last February. He said there were several teams in the conference who waited to see who the Huskies were recruiting and then jumped on them. He also was a bit miffed that some of those other conference schools were saying less than kind things about him and his program.


Rick Neuheisel
John Gress

Like Oregon, which showed a video on its scoreboard of an image of someone throwing up just after seeing some images of Neuheisel. Oregon had to apologize for that one.


John Mackovic
Greg LeBouef

Other coaches, like Arizona's John Mackovic, don't like the fact that schools keep the pressure on recruits who have verbally committed to other schools. Oregon's Mike Bellotti says oral commitments aren't worth the paper they are written on and so his staff won't recognize them.


Mike Bellotti
Jeff Carlick

"There's a war going on in the Northwest," said Neuheisel, who was once accused of trying to bring verbal commitments from Colorado when he took the job at Washington. "I'm up for the fight. Let's go."

Well, if the Pac-10 boys think *that* is negative recruiting, let them spend a little time in the South. Down here we don't call it negative recruiting unless somebody gets kidnapped for more than a day and at least the value of a small house changes hands.



BIGGEST SHOES *TO FILL*

Because of who they will try to replace, these guys need to be great:

Miami tight end Kellen Winslow, Jr. Not only does he have the responsibility of trying to replace Jeremy Shockey's 40 catches from a year ago, but he must also live up to the legacy of his Hall of Fame father, who might be the best who ever played the position. You know what? He's good enough to do both.

Ed Zaunbrecher, offensive coordinator, Florida. You see, the Gators haven't had an offensive coordinator for 12 years because Spurrier called all the "ball plays." Zaunbrecher, who directed Marshall's flying circus featuring quarterback Byron Leftwich, will now take his shot at replacing the Visored One.

Zaunbrecher is more low-key than Spurrier, but then again, who isn't? Before he took over at Marshall, he had success with Al Groh at Wake Forest, tried his hand as a head coach at Northeast Louisiana, and was OC at LSU for seven seasons. At Marshall, his offense averaged 37.3 points per game last season.

Will he be under the gun? Sure, but after seven tough years at LSU, he knows something about tough SEC fans.

"If he can handle LSU fans, he can handle Florida fans," says Bobbi, his wife.

Uh, Bobbi, let's chat again after that Miami game on Sept. 7.



Jeff Carlick

How do you replace a guy who had his picture plastered on a Manhattan skyscraper and then backed it up with his play on the field? That's what Jason Fife is being asked to do at Oregon as Joey Harrington leaves as the most celebrated Duck ever. Fife has the physical tools to do the job. But Harrington knew how to win and was able to make others believe they would win, too.

Seven starters return on the Oklahoma defense but the Sooners cannot replace the grit and the leadership of linebacker Rocky Calmus and strong safety Roy Williams. Teddy Lehman and Eric Bassey will be asked to try. Lehman will move from middle linebacker to the weak-side spot, which used to belong to Calmus. Bassey, a redshirt freshman, is the fastest of all Oklahoma defensive backs having run a 4.36 40-yard dash in off-season conditioning. He's the likely replacement for Williams. The assessment of head coach Bob Stoops? The Sooners will be faster on defense than a year ago and perhaps more talented. But not as physical.

Let's see. All Nebraska's Jammal Lord is being asked to do is to replace quarterback Eric Crouch, who:

Won the 2001 Heisman Trophy.

Had a 35–7 career record.

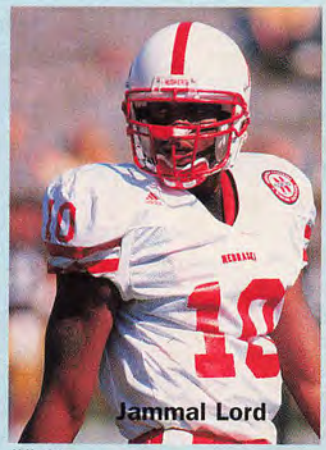
Had 59 career rushing touchdowns, an NCAA record.

Yadda, yadda, yadda. You get the picture.

The 6'2" Lord, from Bayonne, N.J., was the No. 1 quarterback the past two springs as Crouch recovered from injury. But he has always been a bit inconsistent when it comes to taking care of the football. With Crouch gone, the Cornhuskers pretty much have to throw Lord into the fire. Lord says he will be a different player now that he knows the job can be his.

"In practice I knew it wasn't my show to run. It was Eric's show," says Lord. "In that regard I probably took it easy a little bit and it hurt me in the long run. But now there is no Eric."

There may also be no Jammal. Because of his inconsistency, Nebraska coaches are going to take a hard look at true freshman Curt Dukes of Stony Point, N.C., who graduated from high school in December and took part in spring drills.



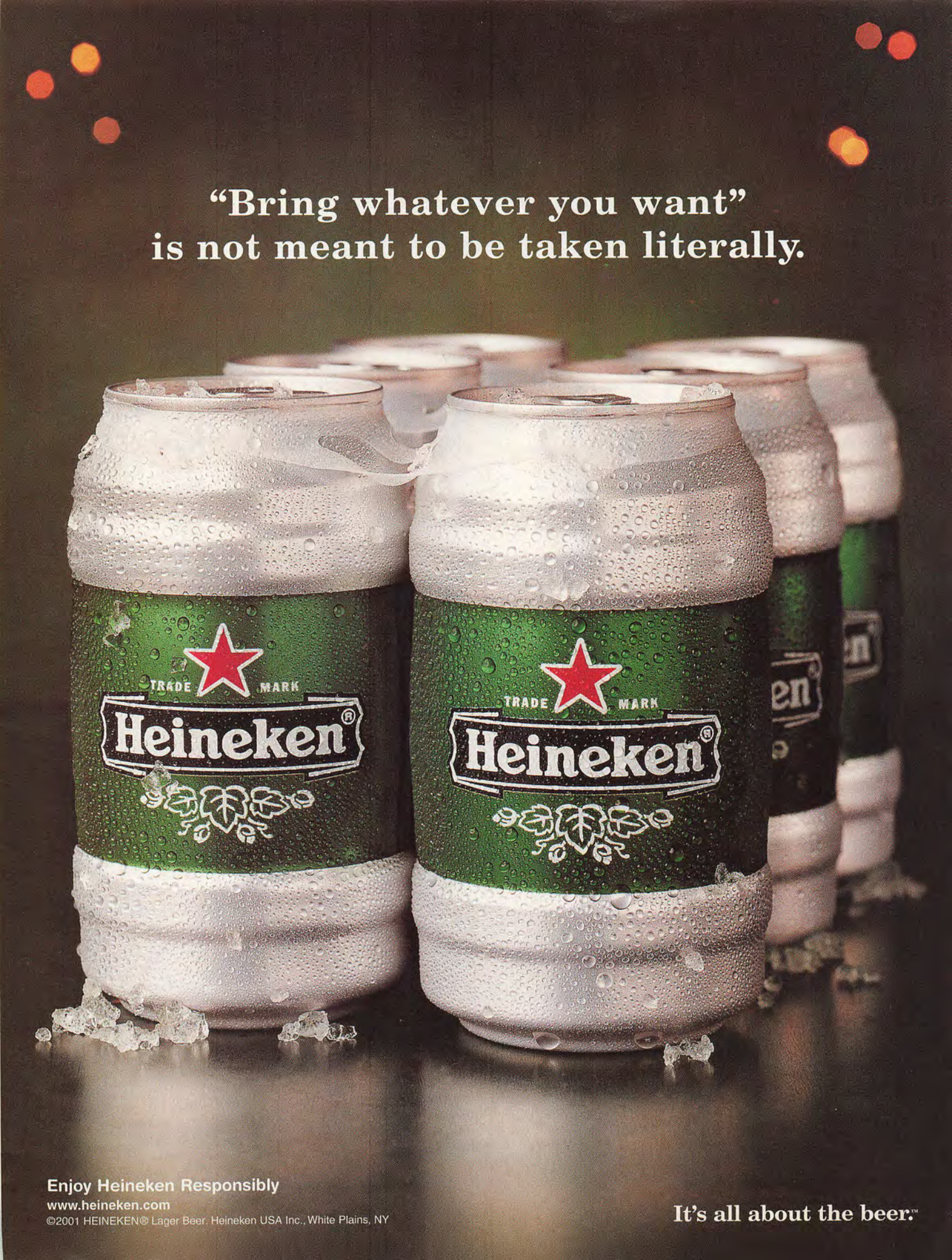
Al Kooistra

Good luck to whoever replaces Roy Kramer as the commissioner of the SEC. Kramer got cussed and discussed at length as the godfather of the BCS, but during his tenure (1990-2002) the SEC was an unqualified financial and competitive success. Since 1990 the SEC has won 81 national championships in various sports. When he took over, the SEC members were sharing $16.3 million in revenue from TV contracts. Last May, when Kramer said his goodbyes, that figure exceeded $78 million.

Kramer's detractors point out that during his 13 years the SEC also led the NCAA in major infractions cases with nine. So don't be surprised if a college president, not an athletics director, replaces him. The SEC presidents will make the call.

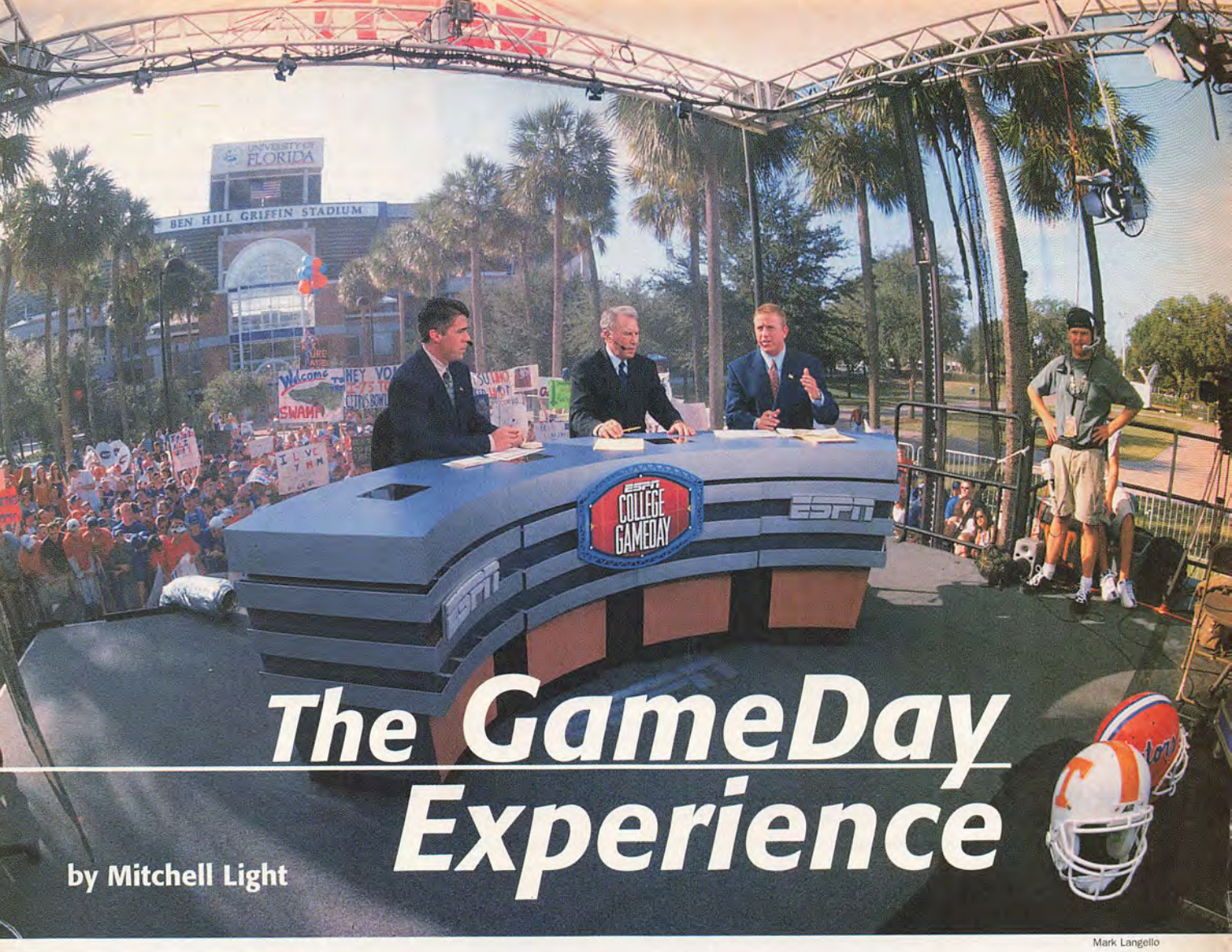
Marcus Vick, freshman quarterback, Virginia Tech. Brother of Michael.

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The GameDay Experience

by Mitchell Light

Mark Langello

Chris Fowler has been watching college football for more than 10 hours. He's been talking college football since reporting to the set just outside Florida's Ben Hill Griffin Stadium shortly after 7 a.m.

There is a throng of jubilant Tennessee fans waiting for Fowler, Kirk Herbstreit and Lee Corso to film their next *SportsCenter* segment. But that won't happen for another 30 minutes. Fowler can sit and relax and watch his alma mater, Colorado, battle Texas in the Big 12 title game from the relative comforts of the ESPN trailer adjacent to the GameDay set.

This has been a typical fall Saturday for Fowler, Herbstreit, Corso, and the traveling road show known as *ESPN's College GameDay*: meetings, rehearsal, broadcast the 90-minute live show, watch games on television, go to the on-site game, watch more games, film *SportsCenter* segments and watch more games.

Not a bad way to spend 17 hours.

"Doing the show is phenomenal," says Fowler, who has hosted GameDay since 1990. "It is incredible. That is what you remember every time you whine about a missed (plane) connection or you whine about the hotel check-in desk. You just remember that you are incredibly blessed to be able to do this. Anything you have to do or put up with to make this happen is trivial."

Fowler has witnessed GameDay grow from a struggling studio show "that was kind of on life support" to arguably the most popular pre-game show in sports. "I never would have imagined this," he says. "It is a unique show. I think the people who watch it have the same passion for the sport that we do and appreciate that we take them to the site of the biggest game each week."

This week, the GameDay gang is in Gainesville, Fla., for the annual Tennessee-Florida grudge match. The game, normally played in mid-September, has been pushed back to Dec. 1 due to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Fans begin gathering around the show's set at 6 a.m., nearly four-and-a-half hours before the 10:30 airtime. The crowd eventually swells into the thousands and includes Scotty Spurrier, the 14-year old son of the Gators' coach. "The atmosphere is incredible," Fowler says. "It is very hard to show up and give a lame effort when the atmosphere is like this. It is impossible to give a low-energy show."

GameDay is in Gainesville for the sixth time in the past five years, yet there is still a tangible excitement around campus. "We have been here quite often but we still had a front-page headline in the *Gainesville Sun* : GameDay is in Town," says Steve Vecchione, the show's coordinating producer since 1994. "The excitement here is great. I don't think people take us for granted. It is still exciting when we go to a place for a fifth or sixth time."

Rachel Shapiro, a 2000 Florida graduate, flew down from New York City to watch her beloved Gators — and be a part of the GameDay experience. "The most exciting part of the weekend is the people coming out to watch, getting that GameDay feeling," she says. "This is the best part of living in Gainesville and going to school here.

Favorite site?
Chris Fowler: That is a really hard one. I really don't have one and it's not like I am hedging an answer. I love the variety of it. What I love is being able to be in the SEC one week, the Big 12 the next week, the Big 10, the Pac-10. I wish we could get to the Pac-10 a lot more. I love going to Nebraska. I love coming down (to Gainesville). I love Tennessee and all the SEC spots.


Mark Langello

There is just no better feeling than having GameDay in Gainesville for a big Florida football game."

"LIKE ROCK STARS"

GameDay's popularity has turned Fowler, Herbstreit and Corso into celebrities. In Gainesville, they receive a police escort for the short walk from the ESPN trailer to the stadium. Fans scream their names and reach out for a handshake or a high five.

"They are like rock stars," says Tony Barnhart, a college football writer for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* who is a regular guest on the show. "Everywhere they go, people go nuts. It's been great for college football and it's been great for the show."

Herbstreit, a 1993 Ohio State graduate and a former Buckeye starting quarterback, receives the most attention from the adoring fans. He stops for every autograph and poses for as many photographs as possible. "It is part of the business," he says. "I don't mind it. I don't love it, but it is part of what we do. We are out there in front of people. It is important for us to show how much we appreciate them and the fact that they like our show. We would be silly not to recognize those people that come up to us."

Herbstreit is known for his youth and good looks, while Corso is "like your crazy uncle or your crazy grandfather," according to Herbstreit. "Lee has a unique relationship with most fans across the country. They have a love-hate relationship with him. People get upset with him, but at the same time they love him to death."

Corso, a former head coach at Northern Illinois, Louisville and Indiana, has a cult-like following from the younger generation of college football fans. Just off the GameDay set, one young Florida co-ed holds up a 'Lee, I'm Pregnant' sign. Another sign reads 'Lee Corso is my father.' The Pike House flies a banner taunting Corso, an alum of the hated Florida State Seminoles. "Kirk always picks (Florida)," Shapiro says, "and Corso is usually the devil's advocate. It is fun. It fires everybody up."

Corso shines in the final moments of each GameDay broadcast when he dons the mascot head from the school he is picking to win. The tradition began in 1996 in Columbus, Ohio, when Corso noticed Brutus Buckeye stroll by the GameDay set. "I decided I wanted to put that head on when I picked Ohio State," Corso says. "So I asked Kirk's fiancée (now his wife) Allison, who was a cheerleader, and she went and asked the head cheerleader and they gave me the Buckeye head. We got a great reaction and I thought we were onto something. I started putting on mascot heads each week and at one time I went 16 straight mascot heads without a loss. I was lucky."

Corso has been with GameDay since 1989. Fowler joined the following year, and Craig James, a former All-America running back at SMU, came on board in 1992. "When we started doing this, the show really didn't rate very well," Fowler says. "It didn't have good games to lead into and the show didn't know what it wanted to be.

From Dallas... to Blacksburg... to Gainesville

Friday, Nov. 23

Barry Sacks settles into his living room in Southbury, Conn., to watch the annual Colorado-Nebraska showdown. Like most college football observers, Sacks, the senior coordinating producer of *ESPN's College GameDay*, is confident Nebraska will wrap up its fourth Big 12 North title in six years. A trip to the league championship game in Dallas is looking very good for the Husker Nation. And with Oklahoma playing host to 3–7 Oklahoma State Saturday afternoon, the dream matchup featuring Nebraska (No. 2 in the BCS) and Oklahoma (No. 3) will soon be a reality.

And this is very good news for Sacks and the entire GameDay gang, who are planning to take their show to Dallas – the site of the Big 12 Championship game – on Dec. 1. Plans for GameDay in Dallas began 11 months earlier after Oklahoma completed its National Championship season with a 13–2 win over Florida State. "When the (2000) season ended," Sacks says, "we were already thinking about Oklahoma-Nebraska playing for the (2001) Big 12 Championship. We want to go to the biggest game each week, the game with the biggest National Championship implications. And all along, (throughout) the whole season, it looked like the Oklahoma-Nebraska rematch would be another Game of the Year. Obviously that is where we try to be."

So the plans are set. Plane reservations are made. Hotels are booked. College Gameday is coming to Dallas.

But just in case something strange happens, Sacks and Steve Vecchione, GameDay's coordinating producer, have been working on alternate plans of attack. "We have (the games) ranked," says Sacks. "We are going to Oklahoma-Nebraska. But if one of them loses we are probably going to Miami-Virginia Tech (in Blacksburg, Va.) because Miami has a chance to clinch a spot in the Rose Bowl."

It becomes clear in the opening minutes of the Nebraska-Colorado game that the contingency plan might be needed. Colorado's power running game is completely dominating the Nebraska defense. Early in the second quarter, Colorado has rolled up 301 total yards and leads the stunned Huskers, 35–3.

Sacks calls Vecchione at the office to discuss Nebraska's meltdown. Vecchione is still in favor of Dallas, despite the Huskers' impending loss. Colorado has been playing as well as any team in the nation and Oklahoma is still very much alive in the National

"But then we began to hit on something. The chemistry and the liveliness of it kind of jump-started things and people started taking notice. Then we convinced management to take the show on the road and that is what we did in 1993 and that is what has led to the increased popularity."

South Bend, Ind., was the site of GameDay's first remote broadcast, and they could not have selected a better game. Second-ranked Notre Dame knocked off No. 1 Florida State in one of the great Irish wins of the Lou Holtz era. The game might have been a classic, but GameDay's first road show was a rather meager production. "We were set up on the floor of the (College Football) Hall of Fame with a rope around the set," Fowler says. "And there were some curious people wondering what the hell they were seeing."

The first show, however, was a huge hit with the viewers, and ESPN decided to take GameDay on the road on a more frequent basis. There were six remotes in 1994 and an average of 10 per year ever since. "We are budgeted for 11 road shows (per year)," says GameDay senior coordinating producer Barry Sacks, who estimates each show costs "somewhere in the $200,000-250,000 range."

The on-location setup for each show begins Thursday morning when the stage is assembled. By Friday afternoon, the road show crew has swelled to 50 and consists of on-air talent, an operations manager, two directors, three producers, five cameramen, technicians, a researcher, a make-up artist, and a catering company that provides three meals a day to keep the staff well-fed.

"This is a major circus on wheels," Fowler says. "Our crew is phenomenal. Those guys have been doing this for years and they do their jobs well. They love this sport and they love the idea of doing this show."


Mark Langello

Favorite site?

Kirk Herbstreit: Anywhere you go in the SEC is the best, or right up there with the best because the fans are so rabid. There is just so much enthusiasm around the set. That is what makes the SEC as a conference the best. (But) if I had to single out a remote site as the best I would say Texas A&M. It is amazing the way on Friday night they get 30,000 for a yell practice. It is the best student body in college football.

"A GREAT, GUTSY HIRE"

The show took a hit after the 1995 season when James left to become a studio analyst for CBS' college football broadcasts. Fowler admits he was concerned James would be difficult to replace. "I understood what Craig did," he says. "He had a huge opportunity, but I felt we had just hit our stride. We were going to have a hard time finding somebody to jump into that role."

Fowler's fears subsided after he met with Herbstreit, who had served as a sideline analyst for ESPN's college football broadcasts in 1995.

"Kirk was a great, gutsy hire," Fowler says, "because he didn't come from a real experienced background and he wasn't a big-name player. But he was a natural and he had a knockout audition. He sweated immensely. He was like Robert Brooks in *Broadcast News*. But what he said in the audition was phenomenal. He has grown so much and that has been so much of the reason for the popularity of the show. Lee and I have been here and Kirk comes in and brings a real young, energetic, hard-core football mentality to it."

Herbstreit formed an immediate bond with Fowler, the savvy host, and Corso, the wacky analyst. "You either have chemistry

Championship race. Sacks agrees that Colorado-Oklahoma, because of the Buffs' dominating showing against Nebraska, is now a viable option, but he isn't quite ready to commit to any game.

"Colorado-Oklahoma is intriguing," he says. "Maybe people think that Colorado, coming off their win, can beat Oklahoma, too. But let's see what happens tomorrow."

Late Friday night, Vecchione and Sacks dismiss the possibility of moving the show to Gainesville for the epic Tennessee-Florida battle. "There is no way we are going to Gainesville, right?" Vecchione asks. "As of right now," Sacks says, "it is not on the radar screen."

Saturday, Nov. 24

All GameDay-to-Dallas discussion ends when Oklahoma State, a 27-point underdog, completes its stunning 16–13 win over Oklahoma. With both Nebraska and Oklahoma no longer in the equation, GameDay bails on the Big 12 Championship game. "The Texas-Colorado game, though a nice game, really doesn't have National Championship implications by itself," Sacks says.

With all of the crazy happenings, the Florida-Tennessee game, which wasn't even on the "radar screen" 24 hours ago, emerges as the biggest game of an important Saturday of football. Florida now has a clear path to the Rose Bowl: Beat Tennessee and win the SEC Championship game. Tennessee's road is a bit more difficult, but the Vols still have legitimate national title aspirations. "Gainesville is not only on the radar screen, as I start thinking about it, it is almost a no-brainer," Sacks says.

With the decision almost official, Vecchione calls the Florida athletic department to inform them GameDay will likely be making its sixth trip to Gainesville.

Sunday, Nov. 25

It's official. The executives at ESPN agree with Sacks, Vecchione and Chris Fowler, the show's host, that Gainesville, Fla., is where GameDay needs to be on Dec. 1.

"It was a good decision," Sacks says. "It was definitely the craziest weekend I have had at GameDay. (Gainesville) went from a place we were not going to, to the place where we had to be. It is the only one of the three games we considered that we had not booked travel for because there was no way anybody on our show's staff thought both Nebraska and Oklahoma would lose. That was the only way we were going to Gainesville. Friday night we were going one place, Saturday night we were going somewhere else.

"To me, that is what makes the show as special as it is. We are at the biggest game of the week, regardless of what it takes to get there."

—Mitchell Light

with a group of people or you don't," says Herbstreit. "You can't fake it. You hear football coaches talk about a special chemistry and I think we are fortunate to have that on this set."

Herbstreit was a loyal GameDay viewer during his playing days and still has the same passion for the game now that he is on other side of the camera. "We absolutely love what we do," he says. "We love talking about the games. We are just thrilled that people are enthusiastic about the sport. Even if I had an opportunity to do something else, I would stay in this position because I love college football and all of the emotion that goes with it."

There is plenty of emotion on the sidelines in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium when the Gators and Vols take the field for the opening kickoff. Fowler and Herbstreit are situated on the Florida side, while Corso opts for the Tennessee sideline. Simultaneously, Fowler and Herbstreit scan the 85,000-seat stadium and smile. This is the biggest game of the college football season to date in one of the great environments in sports. "This is incredible," Fowler says. "We love doing the show, but the gravy is getting to watch probably the best game every week from the field and being able to witness places like the Swamp and Tennessee and Nebraska. We get a great opportunity to see the best teams close up. It helps us with our assessments of teams. It helps to get to know the personalities of teams besides just watching them on TV."



Mark Langello

Lee Corso once "went 16 straight mascot heads without a loss," but his decision to go with the Gators on Dec. 1 backfired.

"YOUR PROGRAM HAS ARRIVED"

When College GameDay shows up on your campus you know your football program has arrived.

"There is a certain truth to that," Fowler says, "because in a sense if we are there, then it is the biggest game in the country and if it is the biggest game in the country then your program has arrived."

Lou Holtz lobbied GameDay to bring the show to Columbia, S.C., for the Gamecocks' SEC East clash with Florida last November. "I pick up the phone one day," Sacks says, "and this guy says, 'Barry, this is Lou Holtz from South Carolina. I just want to let you know that it would be important to the state of South Carolina and to me personally for you to bring your show to South Carolina.'"

GameDay did in fact make its first appearance at South Carolina on Nov. 10, 2002, remarkably just two years after the Gamecocks completed an 0–11 season. "In my first year on the job," Holtz says, "we asked some of the underclassmen what they hoped would happen for the team before their careers were over. One of the things they mentioned was they wanted to have GameDay come to campus. They said when that happened, they would know the program had really arrived."

GameDay in Columbia attracted an estimated crowd of 10,000 for a pre-game show that ended seven-and-half hours prior to kickoff. "Coach (Holtz) promised me a great atmosphere," Sacks says. "I knew there would be. They have great fans."

Nebraska currently holds the GameDay attendance record (15,800 for the Oklahoma game last October), while Kansas State has drawn two 15,000-plus crowds in the past several years. "It's all unofficial and all in good fun," Vecchione says.

Fowler enjoys being a part of the college football experience each Saturday, but he never wants the show to be bigger than the game. "I don't like to get too caught up in what we mean," he says. "We are never going to be the show. The game is the big deal and that is the way it should be. We do a pre-game show to set the table and capture the atmosphere as best we can. We are just happy to be a small part of it."

The show, however, influences public perception. When Fowler, Herbstreit and Corso speak, people listen. "What happens on this show reverberates all through college football," Barnhart says. "That is a statement about them and the people that put on this show."

GameDay's influence isn't limited to the sport's passionate fans. Coaches and players often tune in on the day of the game to see what is being said about their program or their conference.

"If we have a night game, the whole team is up watching (the show) in the morning because we all want to know what Corso, Fowler and Herbstreit have to say about not only us, but all the games that day," says Virginia Tech senior cornerback Ronyell Whitaker. "And if we have a noon game, we're all bummed because we know we can't watch the show."

And often, things said during a 10:30 a.m. GameDay telecast can serve as motivation for a game later that day. On Dec. 1, the Ten-

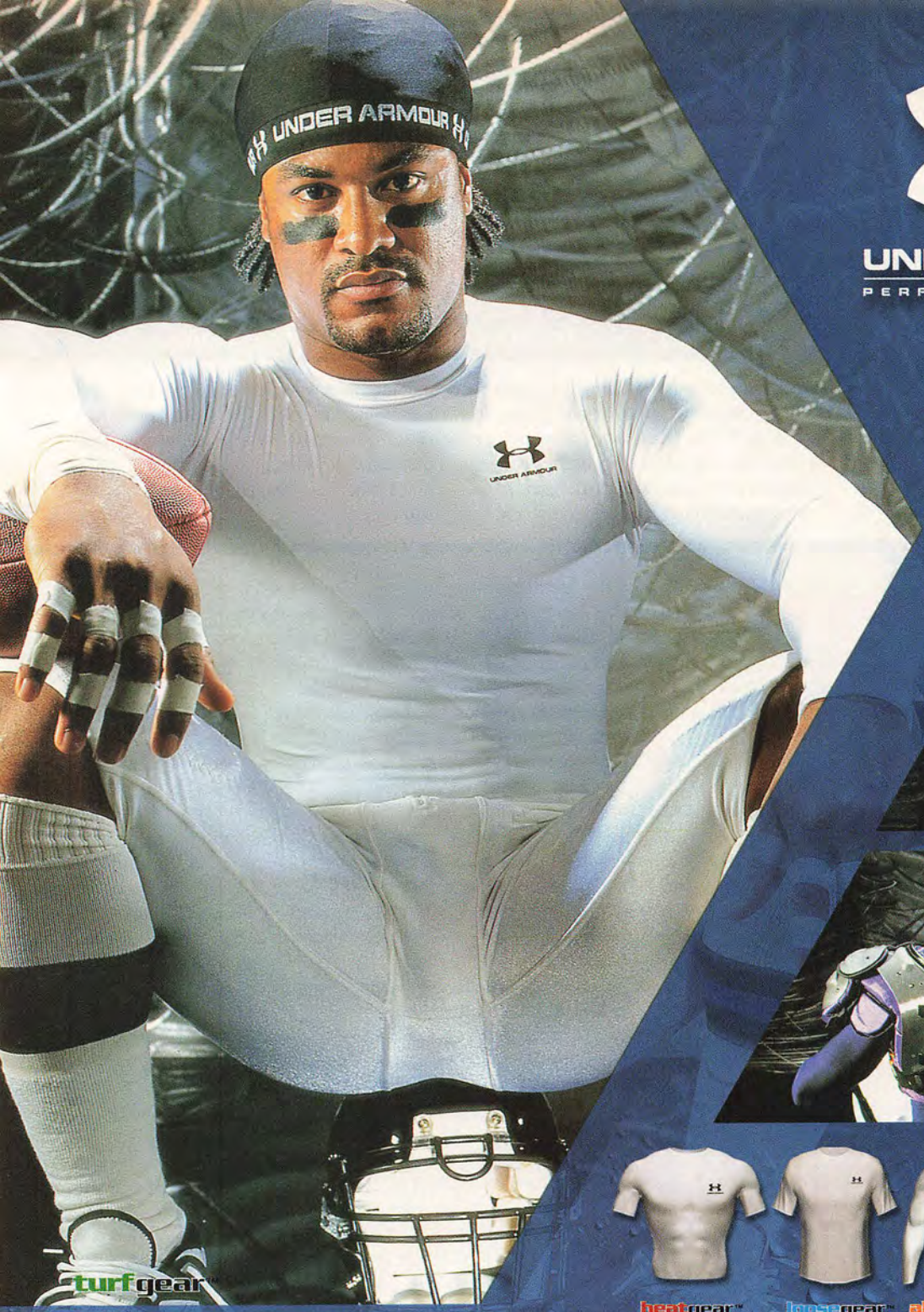
Florida fans enjoy the GameDay experience by cheering on their beloved Gators and taunting the hated Tennessee Vols.

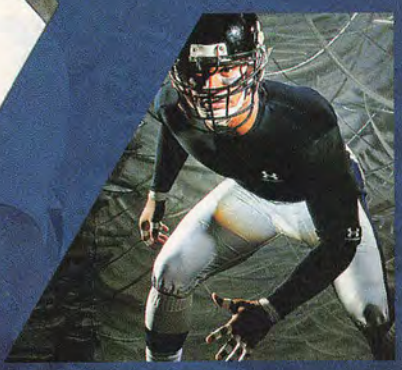


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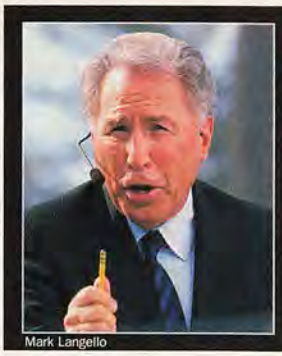
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nessee Volunteers watched from their hotel in Gainesville as Herbstreit and Corso picked the Gators to roll past UT with relative ease.

"Guys started yelling and banging on the walls of their rooms (after the picks)," UT defensive end Bernard Jackson told *The Tennessean.* "It got loud at the hotel. We wanted to play the game right then."

Tennessee's players weren't the only ones fired up about the perceived anti-UT comments. Long after the Vols secured their 34–32 win — the program's first victory in Gainesville since 1971 — that throng of jubilant Tennessee fans is still waiting for Fowler, Herbstreit and Corso to emerge from their trailer. It's almost 11 p.m., but these diehards have been waiting all day to throw the predictions back at the GameDay experts.


Mark Langello

Favorite site?

Lee Corso: Nebraska is my favorite spot because the fans at Nebraska appreciate the way college football should be played. They have a great respect for the game, for their own team and for their opponents. When the show is on they are very, very into it. They listen to all the features and they even clap for other teams.

When Fowler, Herbstreit and Corso take the stage for the final time, they are overwhelmingly complimentary of the Tennessee program for its gutsy win at the Swamp. Volunteer fans erupt in the background and belt out another few rounds of 'Rocky Top.' And just as another ESPN GameDay comes to a close, Corso puts on a bright orange Tennessee cap. It's a little late to change his pick, but Corso has jumped on the Tennessee bandwagon.

Missed Opportunities

The depth chart was set for the Nov. 3 GameDay road show back in the middle of October. Washington State and Fresno State were at the top of the list with Air Force, a sentimental pick, a distant third.

Fresno State had emerged as perhaps the best story of the 2001 college football season. Pat Hill's hard-hitting Bulldogs opened the campaign with statement wins over Colorado, Oregon State and Wisconsin. By mid-October, Fresno had run its record to 6–0 and was ranked in the Top 10 in both major polls.

Washington State was in the midst of the nation's top rags-to-riches season. The Cougars had won a total of three Pac-10 games in the previous three years and were expected to struggle once again in 2001. But halfway through the season the Cougars had yet to lose a game, thanks to the outstanding play of quarterback Jason Gesser and 27-year-old running back Dave Minnich. Washington State was challenging for the Pac-10 title and GameDay was eager to bring its show to town for the Nov. 3 matchup with UCLA.

"Everyone wanted to go to Pullman," says GameDay senior coordinating producer Barry Sacks. "Kirk (Herbstreit) had picked Washington State as his surprise team before the season and they were playing great. We had never been to Pullman and we loved the idea of going to a place we had never been. We thought the atmosphere, even though it would have been a 7:30 a.m. broadcast, would have been unbelievable."

So it was all set: GameDay was coming to Pullman – if Washington State remained undefeated. "They said if we (UCLA and WSU) both won it was a done deal," says Washington State assistant athletic director Rod Commons. "And if we won it was still probable."

Neither school won. UCLA lost at Stanford and Washington State's GameDay dreams officially ended with a 24–17 loss to Oregon in Pullman. "It would have been a great opportunity to showcase our campus, our university and our program," Commons says. "It came down to the final week. We would have loved to get them here. Our student body would have thought it was the greatest thing in the world."

About 1,000 miles down the coast, Fresno State's hopes of landing GameDay ended the previous week when Boise State stunned the 10th-ranked Bulldogs on national television. "The only way they were coming is if we were still undefeated and in the Top 10," says Fresno State assistant athletic director Steve Weakland. "We had been working on it for several weeks to get it orchestrated. We kept it pretty tight-lipped. We told the head coach but not the team."

Fresno State's surprising start earned the school a tremendous amount of national attention. The Bulldogs appeared on ESPN six times in the season's first two months and senior quarterback David Carr was featured on the Sept. 17 cover of *Sports Illustrated.*

"Hosting GameDay would have been unbelievable," Weakland says. "We were huge media darlings all season and ESPN was very much in love with us and we were smitten by all of the attention. It would have been great had GameDay come to Fresno. It would have been an enormous boost to our program. But we lost two weeks before (and the following week). It was our fault. We have no one to blame but us."

With Pullman and Fresno no longer in the picture, GameDay turned its attention to the Air Force Academy – much to the delight of analyst Lee Corso, who is usually not involved in the decisions about where to bring the show. "I go where they tell me," says Corso. "This is the only time I spoke up. At the beginning of the year – and after Sept. 11 – I said we ought to go to the Air Force Academy. I had been advocating for the show to go to the Army-Navy game since I have been here. I think it is the greatest spectacle in all of football. There is nothing like it. But we can't seem to go there because there is always a game of great significance (on that date) somewhere else."

So GameDay took its show to Colorado Springs on Nov. 3 for the annual Army-Air Force game. "That turned out to be one of the memorable shows we did all year," says GameDay coordinating producer Steve Vecchione. "It was tremendous. We got a glimpse of what it was like to be at the Air Force Academy and what it is like to play football for a military academy. Plus, it was a beautiful setting."

While Fowler, Herbstreit and Corso were broadcasting live from Air Force, the television sets in the Fresno State football offices were tuned to ESPN. "I was up in the offices," Weakland says, "and Coach Hill walks by, looks at the TV and says, 'They should be here. They should be here.' He understood the significance. It was very important to us."

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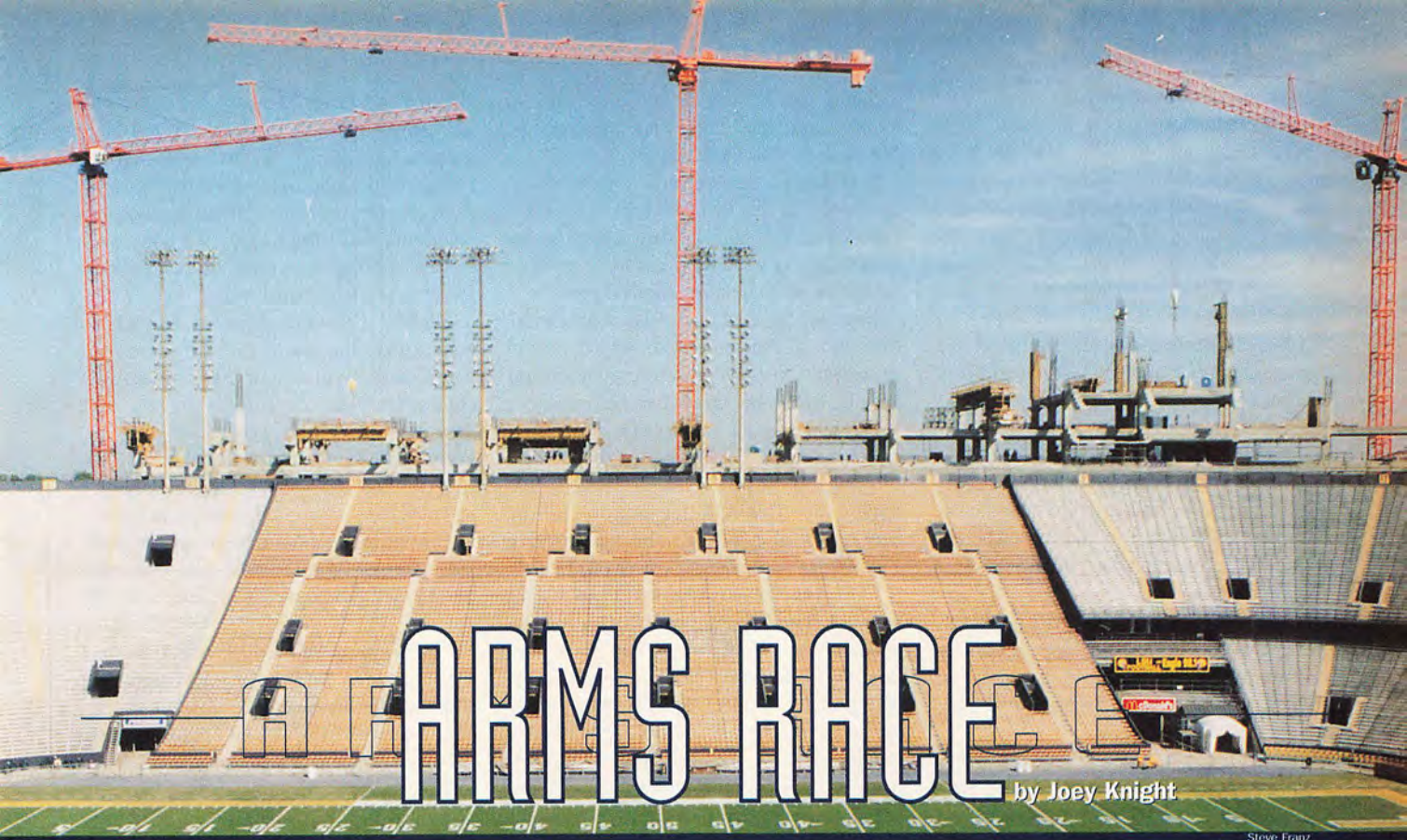
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ARMS RACE

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The race for revenue and recruits has given rise to a college football building boom

On a typical football weekend, the most philanthropic University of Florida boosters convene and carouse in spacious paved lots on Ben Hill Griffin Stadium's west side. This past autumn, however, the "Bull Gators" were forced to party in the shadow of bulldozers.

A similar scene has unfolded at the University of Oregon, where cranes are migrating in greater abundance than Ducks. And at Vanderbilt, construction crews have moved tons of earth over the past three years to improve virtually all of the school's athletic facilities.

It seems the blueprint for success in college sports these days starts with blueprints, period. From Corvallis to College Park, plush stadium skyboxes and sleek multipurpose athletic complexes are being erected faster than strip malls on a suburban thoroughfare.

Major expansion to six of the country's 10 largest on-campus stadiums has either begun or been completed in the last two years, reflecting a nationwide trend.

At Oregon, work began immediately after the 2001 season on an $80 million expansion to Autzen Stadium that will add 32 skyboxes, an exclusive club-level area and 12,000 seats. Florida's $50 million project will add a new pressbox, 28 skyboxes and 2,900 club seats to The Swamp.

At San Diego State, a $17 million donation by San Diego Padres owners John and Becky Moores enabled the school to build the Aztec Athletic Center, a four-story complex housing everything from a Hall of Fame to athletic offices to a "recruiting lounge."

And at Kansas, renovations totaling around $30 million have been completed on the football, basketball and baseball facilities in the last five years.

One who didn't know better might swear BCS stood for Beware of Construction Site. Many have dubbed the trend a "facility arms race," perceiving it as an effort to gain a recruiting edge or simply to keep up with the Joneses residing in the swankiest Division I domiciles.

But there are other potential motives. "It's probably, as much as anything, a financial issue with most of the universities," Tennessee football coach Phillip Fulmer says. "With the pressures on the administrators, and the athletic directors particularly, to make gender-equity budgets and all the things that are out there, I think (expansion) is certainly a sound end to it if they can sell the tickets."

Some, such as Wisconsin associate athletic director Al Fish, even acknowledge that "certainly there's an aspect" of the arms-race mentality. But in the eyes of outgoing NCAA president Cedric Dempsey, it's one "race" that warrants a caution flag.

"It's a real concern to me, to see what's happening," says Dempsey.

WHY BUILD?

Many coaches and administrators, however, maintain that the impetus behind all the scaffolds and cement trucks has more to do with addressing needs than impressing recruits — or rival athletic programs.

Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley insists the driving force behind the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium project, being financed totally with private money, was a need for a new pressbox.

Since such an upgrade obviously wouldn't pay for itself, premium seating also was incorporated into the renovations to generate dollars and fulfill another need — room for more fans. Season tickets at Florida have been sold out since 1991.

"We have never built a facility around here to try to keep up with the Joneses. We've built facilities based on need," says Foley, who already has deposits on all 2,900 clubseats and had sold six of the skyboxes

before brochures advertising them were even mailed out.

"We had a need for more seats, we had a need for more boxes. We had a need for a new pressbox; it's antiquated. You add seats in your stadium and skyboxes because people want them and will pay for them. Conversely, if they don't want them, you don't do it."

Necessary renovations also prompted similar projects at Ohio State, Oregon and Wisconsin, officials say.

Ohio State spokesman Steve Snapp said the recent $187 million expansion to Ohio Stadium was necessitated by much-needed repairs to the 80-year-old landmark. Roughly 2,500 club seats and 82 suites were added, the revenue of which finances most of the project.

"This is the only way we have to do something like this," Snapp says. "The other alternative would be to raise ticket prices, use tax money, raise tuition prices, and we've done none of that."

Fish, overseeing a $99.7 million expansion/renovation to Wisconsin's Camp Randall Stadium, said meeting increased ticket demands was secondary to upgrading an 85-year-old facility that has "never had any kind of fundamental renovation."

Restroom and concourse upgrades are included in the project, which will add 96 luxury suites, 900 club seats and standard seating for 4,000 more fans.

"Frankly, the renovation is a more important aspect of this than the expansion," Fish says. "The fact our football program has improved and we have demand simply is a vehicle to get these renovations done."

But once finished, such schools have more than just a 21st-century showplace to call their own. They also possess revenue streams gushing with more green than Notre Dame's leprechaun — not to mention a powerful recruiting tool.

Vanderbilt athletic director Todd Turner hopes the $600,000 expansion to the McGugin Center weight room will be such a tool, even if it provides no revenue.

One of the South's state-of-the-art weight facilities, the McGugin Center weight room features new lighting, weight equipment and flooring. "I do think (modernizing facilities) is important," Turner says. "It's particularly important for those who have not had highly visible success on the field. When you've got banners hanging in your gym or stadium, there's visible evidence of your commitment to success to (prospective) students."

Vanderbilt's commitment extends to its new $5.5 million baseball stadium, and to Memorial Gym, where a $24 million renovation was recently completed. The 50-year old gym has been modernized and now includes a practice facility and coaches' offices. "Our philosophy at Vanderbilt is, we want to give our students a high-quality environment," Turner says. "We don't want to have the biggest or most, but we do want to have the highest quality."

Quality is in abundance at San Diego State, where the opening of the Aztec Athletic Center — in August 2001 — virtually coincided with the football team's best recruiting class in recent memory.

Among the signees was *SuperPrep* All-America tailback Frederick Collins, widely regarded as a more prominent recruit coming out of high school than Marshall Faulk, and wideout Brian Spinks, who chose the Aztecs over Arkansas, Ohio State and Illinois.

"There's no question this (facility) has had a tremendous impact on our recruiting efforts in this first year of being in this building," first-year Aztecs coach Tom Craft says. "It's a noticeable difference now."

Then again, complexes such as those in San Diego and Nashville won't ooze money. Luxury suites and club levels will.

Foley estimates his stadium's premium seating will rake in $7 million annually, allowing UF to pay off the project's $3 mil-

The opening of the Aztec Athletic Center was a precursor to San Diego State's best recruiting class in years.



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lion yearly debt and establish other sports. "The money we generate from this new construction will help run this entire program," he says.

It's the oozing of such money that concerns Dempsey.

TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT

"Let me put it this way," Dempsey told a Florida newspaper last summer. "We have a wide gap between schools that are doing well and schools that are struggling to maintain viable programs."

Some partially blame the Bowl Championship Series for this chasm between the haves and have-nots. Schools belonging to conferences affiliated with the BCS receive, on average, $5 million annually in bowl and TV revenue. Non-BCS schools get a fraction of that.

Such additional cash can finance a nice chunk of any expansion project. Case in point: Florida's new $10.5 million basketball practice facility.

The complex features separate practice courts, coaches' offices and locker rooms for the Gator men's and women's teams, as well as weight-training and rehabilitation areas.

Though most of the facility, opened in 2001, was financed through donations personally solicited by Foley and men's coach Billy Donovan, nearly one-third was purchased with money from the athletic department's budget.

"I think that's what this BCS is geared toward — the rich get richer and the poor get poorer," says Craft, whose school operates on a $17.9 million budget and likely couldn't have afforded the Aztec Athletic Center without the generosity of Moores, the Padres owner.

"Before they put in the (85-player) scholarship limit (for football) years ago, you had elite schools bullying schools that didn't have the same number of scholarships. Now the BCS is just another way for the rich to get richer."

Success, however, seems a much more viable scapegoat than the BCS. Most of the current large-scale expansions will finance themselves because fans are willing to dole out disposable income — and not to watch a loser from a luxury suite.

Oregon, the defending Fiesta Bowl champion, is a shining example of how success can breed seat expansion. All the suites have been sold, and the remaining premium seating is selling steadily, according to Steve McBride, assistant athletic director for internal operations.

"We've been over capacity at the stadium, on an average basis, for several years now," McBride says.

It hardly seems coincidental that the Oregon football team is 60–23 over the past seven seasons.

"The rich get richer happens in every walk of life," Foley says. "Successful companies who are well-run and generate dollars usually get bigger and better, as long as they run their business right and are doing the right thing. That's just a factor of competition."

Another factor: You can't win 'em all. Though most fans who converge on campus each Saturday aren't known for fickle allegiances, will they relinquish that premium seat if their team starts faltering, essentially stopping that revenue stream?

And just who will pay to luxuriate in a somber skybox? Talk about a bitter suite.



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Stadium	Old cap.	New cap.	# new skyboxes	# new clubseats	cost (millions)	completion date
Beaver Stadium Penn State	93,967	106,537	60	4,000	$93	2001
Neyland Stadium Tennessee	102,854	104,079	72	none	$18.9	2000
Ohio Stadium Ohio State	89,841	98,000	82	2,500	$187	2001
Tiger Stadium LSU	80,000	91,600	70	none*	$50	2000
Sanford Stadium Georgia	86,117	86,520	20	none	$12	2000
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Children who are on immunosuppressant drugs are more susceptible to infections than healthy children. Chickenpox and measles, for example, can have a more serious or even fatal course in children on immunosuppressant doses of corticosteroids. In such children, or in adults who have not had these diseases, particular care should be taken to avoid exposure. If exposed, therapy with varicella-zoster immune globulin (VZIG) or pooled intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG), as appropriate, may be indicated. If chickenpox develops, treatment with antiviral agents may be considered.

PRECAUTIONS

General: In clinical studies with triamcinolone acetonide nasal spray, the development of localized infections of the nose and pharynx with *Candida albicans* has rarely occurred. When such an infection develops it may require treatment with appropriate local or systemic therapy and discontinuance of treatment with **Nasacort AQ** Nasal Spray.

Nasacort AQ Nasal Spray should be used with caution, if at all, in patients with active or quiescent tuberculous infection of the respiratory tract or in patients with untreated fungal, bacterial, or systemic viral infections or ocular herpes simplex.

Because of the inhibitory effect of corticosteroids, in patients who have experienced recent nasal septal ulcers, nasal surgery, or trauma, a corticosteroid should be used with caution until healing has occurred. As with other nasally inhaled corticosteroids, nasal septal perforations have been reported in rare instances.

When used at excessive doses, systemic corticosteroid effects such as hypercorticism and adrenal suppression may appear. If such changes occur, **Nasacort AQ** Nasal Spray should be discontinued slowly, consistent with accepted procedures for discontinuing oral steroid therapy.

Information for Patients: Patients being treated with **Nasacort AQ** Nasal Spray should receive the following information and instructions. Patients who are on immunosuppressant doses of corticosteroids should be warned to avoid exposure to chickenpox or measles and, if exposed, to obtain medical advice.

Patients should use **Nasacort AQ** Nasal Spray at regular intervals since its effectiveness depends on its regular use. (See **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**.)

An improvement in some patient symptoms may be seen within the first day of treatment, and generally, it takes one week of treatment to reach maximum benefit. Initial assessment for response should be made during this time frame and periodically until the patient's symptoms are stabilized.

The patient should take the medication as directed and should not exceed the prescribed dosage. The patient should contact the physician if symptoms do not improve after three weeks, or if the condition worsens. Patients who experience recurrent episodes of epistaxis (nose bleeds) or nasal septum discomfort while taking this medication should contact their physician. For the proper use of this unit and to attain maximum improvement, the patient should read and follow the accompanying patient instructions carefully.

It is important to shake the bottle well before each use. **Also, the bottle should be discarded after 120 actuations since the amount of triamcinolone acetonide delivered thereafter per actuation may be substantially less than 55 mcg of drug.** Do not transfer any remaining suspension to another bottle.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, and Impairment of Fertility: In a two-year study in rats, triamcinolone acetonide caused no treatment-related carcinogenicity at oral doses up to 1.0 mcg/kg (approximately 1/30 and 1/50 of the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults and children on a mcg/m^2 basis, respectively). In a two-year study in mice, triamcinolone acetonide caused no treatment-related carcinogenicity at oral doses up to 3.0 mcg/kg (approximately 1/12 and 1/30 of the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults and children on a mcg/m^2 basis, respectively).

No mutagenicity studies with triamcinolone acetonide have been performed.

In male and female rats, triamcinolone acetonide caused no change in pregnancy rate at oral doses up to 15.0 mcg/kg (approximately 1/2 of the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m^2 basis). Triamcinolone acetonide caused increased fetal resorptions and stillbirths and decreases in pup weight and survival at doses of 5.0 mcg/kg and above (approximately 1/5 of the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m^2 basis). At 1.0 mcg/kg (approximately 1/30 of the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m^2 basis), it did not induce the above mentioned effects.

Pregnancy: *Teratogenic Effects: Pregnancy Category C.* Triamcinolone acetonide was teratogenic in rats, rabbits, and monkeys. In rats, triamcinolone acetonide was teratogenic at inhalation doses of 20 mcg/kg and above (approximately 7/10 of the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m^2 basis). In rabbits, triamcinolone acetonide was teratogenic at inhalation doses of 20 mcg/kg and above (approximately 2 times the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m^2 basis). In monkeys, triamcinolone acetonide was teratogenic at an inhalation dose of 500 mcg/kg (approximately 37 times the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m^2 basis). Dose-related teratogenic effects in rats and rabbits included cleft palate and/or internal hydrocephaly and axial skeletal defects, whereas the effects observed in the monkey were cranial malformations.

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Therefore, triamcinolone acetonide should be used in pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus. Since their introduction, experience with oral corticosteroids in pharmacologic as opposed to physiologic doses suggests that rodents are more prone to teratogenic effects from corticosteroids than humans. In addition, because there is a natural increase in glucocorticoid production during pregnancy, most women will require a lower exogenous corticosteroid dose and many will not need corticosteroid treatment during pregnancy.

Nonteratogenic Effects: Hypoadrenalism may occur in infants born of mothers receiving corticosteroids during pregnancy. Such infants should be carefully observed.

Nursing Mothers: It is not known whether triamcinolone acetonide is excreted in human milk. Because other corticosteroids are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when **Nasacort AQ** Nasal Spray is administered to nursing women.

Pediatric Use: Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients below the age of 6 years have not been established.

Corticosteroids have been shown to cause growth suppression in children and teenagers, particularly with higher doses over extended periods. If a child or teenager on any corticosteroid appears to have growth suppression, the possibility that they are particularly sensitive to this effect of corticosteroids should be considered.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

In placebo-controlled, double-blind, and open-label clinical studies, 1483 adults and children 12 years and older received treatment with triamcinolone acetonide aqueous nasal spray. These patients were treated for an average duration of 51 days. In the controlled trials (2-5 weeks duration) from which the following adverse reaction data are derived, 1394 patients were treated with **Nasacort AQ** Nasal Spray for an average of 19 days. In a long-term, open-label study, 172 patients received treatment for an average duration of 286 days.

Adverse events occurring at an incidence of 2% or greater and more common among **Nasacort AQ**-treated patients than placebo-treated patients in controlled adult clinical trials were:

Adverse Events	Patients treated with 220 mcg triamcinolone acetonide (n=857) %	Vehicle Placebo (n=962) %
Pharyngitis	5.1	3.6
Epistaxis	2.7	0.8
Increase in cough	2.1	1.5

A total of 602 children 6 to 12 years of age were studied in 3 double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trials. Of these, 172 received 110 mcg/day and 207 received 220 mcg/day of **Nasacort AQ** Nasal Spray for two, six, or twelve weeks. The longest average durations of treatment for patients receiving 110 mcg/day and 220 mcg/day were 76 days and 80 days, respectively. Only 1% of those patients treated with **Nasacort AQ** were discontinued due to adverse experiences. No patient receiving 110 mcg/day discontinued due to a serious adverse event and one patient receiving 220 mcg/day discontinued due to a serious event that was considered not drug related. Overall, these studies found the adverse experience profile for **Nasacort AQ** to be similar to placebo. A similar adverse event profile was observed in pediatric patients 6-12 years of age as compared to older children and adults with the exception of epistaxis which occurred in less than 2% of the pediatric patients studied.

Adverse events occurring at an incidence of 2% or greater and more common among adult patients treated with placebo than **Nasacort AQ** were: headache, and rhinitis. In children aged 6 to 12 years these events included: asthma, epistaxis, headache, infection, otitis media, sinusitis, and vomiting.

In clinical trials, nasal septum perforation was reported in one adult patient although relationship to **Nasacort AQ** Nasal Spray has not been established.

In the event of accidental overdose, an increased potential for these adverse experiences may be expected, but acute systemic adverse experiences are unlikely. (See **OVERDOSAGE**.)

OVERDOSAGE

Like any other nasally administered corticosteroid, acute overdosing is unlikely in view of the total amount of active ingredient present. In the event that the entire contents of the bottle were administered all at once, via either oral or nasal application, clinically significant systemic adverse events would most likely not result. The patient may experience some gastrointestinal upset.

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"I do think it continues to increase the pressures that are out there on coaches (to win)," says Fulmer, whose school added 72 skyboxes to Neyland Stadium at a cost of $18.9 million in time for the 2000 campaign.

"But that's the world we live in."

And currently, that world still is reeling from an economic recession. In fact, the major construction portion of Wisconsin's stadium project has been delayed until a lead donor is in place. Infrastructure work, paid for with $10 million in state money, is on schedule.

"Our potential discussions (with prospective lead donors) either were negative or they needed more time to make this kind of a decision," says Fish, whose project ultimately is expected to be funded by 90 percent athletic department revenue and private funds.

"Without a lead gift, we had a significant gap in our fundraising. Frankly, if you're looking for those types of significant donations, the last six months is the worst time to look for it in the last decade."

Wisconsin officials remain very optimistic that the Camp Randall expansion will be completed. But what if another recession occurs, or the Badgers endure two or three seasons in the Big Ten basement? Does the sale of premium seating plummet like a Madison thermometer in January?

Officials acknowledge such concerns exist. "If we have a few bad years," says Fish, "we can't up and move to Jacksonville."

Adds Foley: "We've never talked to our coaches about, 'You have to do this to fill seats.' There's enough pressure here without doing that. It's just a fact of the matter. If you're not successful, the seats won't be full, and then you have some issues."

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Amid such concerns, the "arms race" continues at a rapid clip, broadening to new extremes. Some schools now are selling the naming rights to their new facilities and, detractors say, selling their souls in the process.

Maryland is replacing Cole Field House — one of the nation's most hallowed college basketball shrines — with the Comcast Center, a $125 million facility to be completed in time for the 2002-03 season. The $25 million from Comcast reportedly is the largest naming gift ever. The money paid by Wells Fargo to purchase the naming rights to Arizona State's University Activity Center (now called Wells Fargo Arena) will help renovate the 28-year-old facility.

A $12.5 million gift to Ohio State by the Schottenstein family, owner of the Value City line of stores, helped result in Value City Arena at The Schottenstein Center. Some, however, refuse to play this name game — including Ohio State, when it comes to its football stadium. "I don't think we would ever do that," says Snapp. "I think the name Ohio Stadium is almost sacred here, and we would not do that."

Fish concurs, adding Camp Randall is named after a Wisconsin governor, and once was the site of a training area for Wisconsin soldiers who fought in the Union army during the Civil War.

"We've got a 140-year tradition of this being Camp Randall," Fish says "and it needs to stay that way."

Yet by any name, facility modernization seems to be the wave of the new millennium, with no cresting in sight. State-of-the-art, it seems, is the current state of the Union. Call it competing at the next level.

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4. Tennessee	9. Michigan	14. Georgia	19. NC State	24. S. Carolina
5. Oklahoma	10. Florida	15. Wash. State	20. Utah	25. Oregon

1. Florida State

A blip on the screen. A dip in the road. A hiccup. Choose your own metaphor, but Florida State's also-ran season of 2001 isn't likely to repeat itself any time soon. Certainly not in 2002. The added maturity of quarterback Chris Rix after starting all last season as a redshirt freshman is one key. With Greg Jones and Nick Maddox teaming up at tailback and a stellar wide receiver corps bolstered by the return of Anquan Boldin after missing last season with a knee injury, Rix will have plenty of help. The offensive line is an all-senior unit anchored by All-America split tackle Brett Williams.

Darnell Dockett, Jeff Womble and Travis Johnson are as fine a three-man defensive tackle rotation as there is. Ditto the OLB tandem of Kendyll Pope and Michael Boulware. Converted linebackers Eric Moore and Willie Jones moving to end should turn up the pressure on opposing quarterbacks, and judging by his spring performance, returning end Alonzo Jackson appears to have found his "on" switch.

The season hinges on October, with a trip to Miami followed by a week off before Notre Dame comes to Tallahassee. Florida visits Doak Campbell Stadium in the Nov. 30 finale.

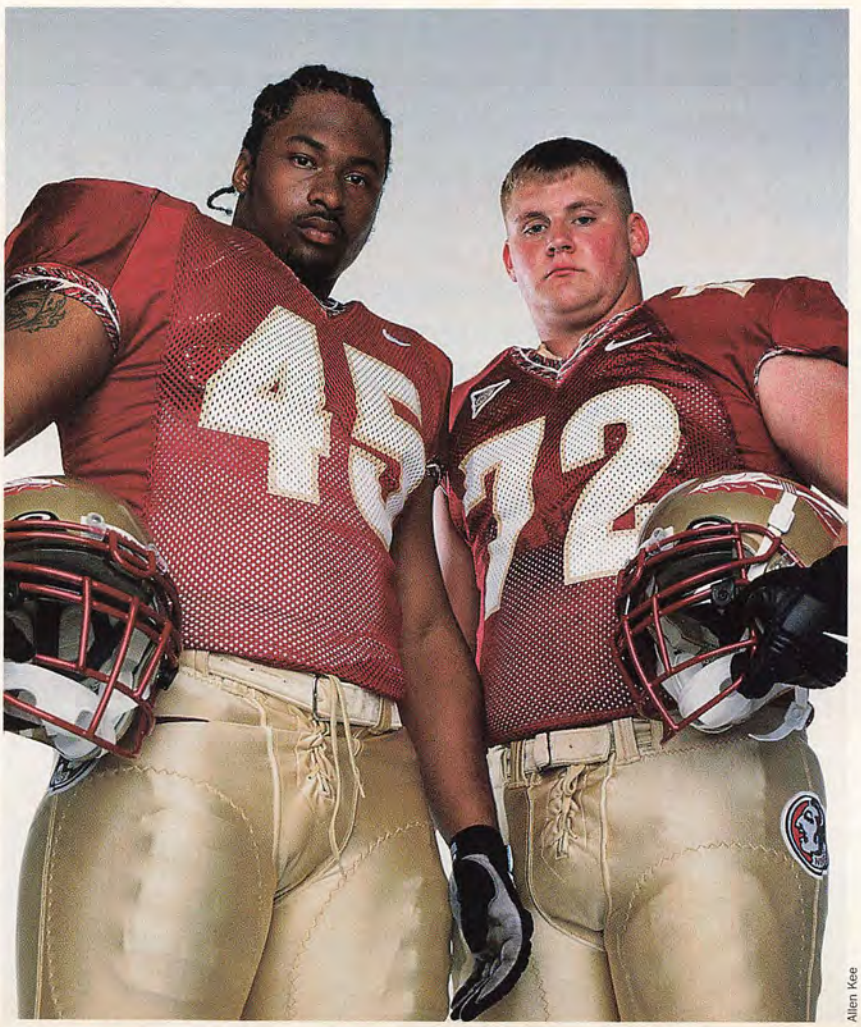
Sad sacks: Last year's Seminole defense tied Duke for last in the ACC with 15 sacks.

Ergo: The FSU pass defense ranked 74th in the nation at 230 yards per game.

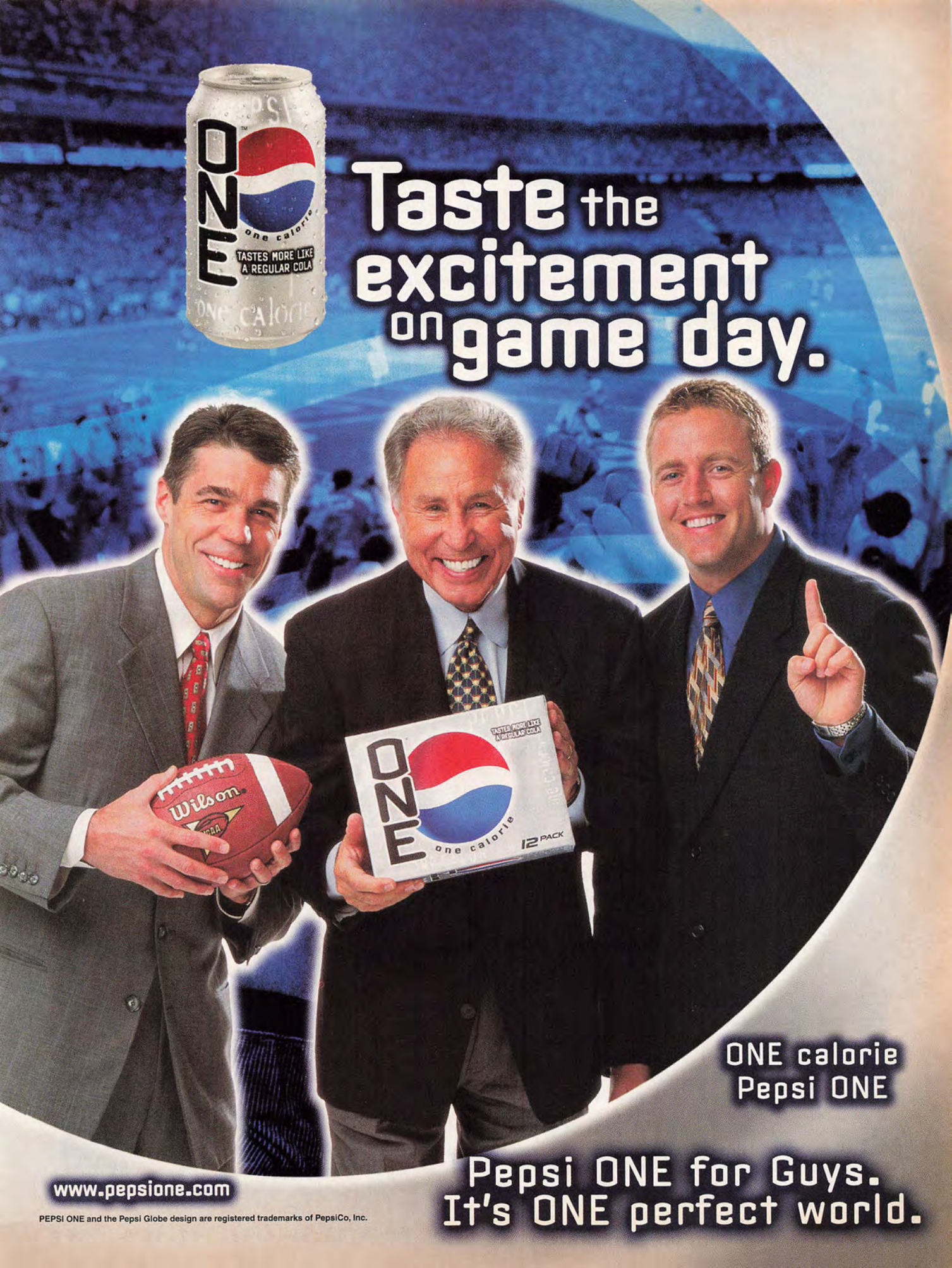
All good things: The Noles' 14-year run of Top-5 finishes and 10-win seasons has come to an end.

2001 results: 8–4 (6–2 ACC)

Returning starters: 7 offense, 8 defense, both kickers



Allen Kee



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TEXAS

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Texas is Chris Simms' team now, and we'll see if he can quarterback the Longhorns to the Promised Land without having to look over his shoulder at Major Applewhite. Goodness knows he'll have the help, as in arguably the best receiving corps in the nation — Roy Williams, B.J. Johnson, Sloan Thomas and tight end Bo Scaife. And tailback Cedric Benson, the first 1,000-yard freshman runner in school history, is more than capable of relieving some of the pressure off the passing game.

On defense, All-America end Cory Redding is one of three returning starters on the line. The Horns' secondary features the nation's top returning pass interceptor in junior Nathan Vasher, who posted seven picks in 2001 and moves from safety to cornerback for '02.

The first real challenge on the schedule doesn't come until the Red River Shootout with Oklahoma on Oct. 12, followed by mid-season road trips to Kansas State and Nebraska.

Going for five: Texas has won nine or more games in four straight seasons for the first time since 1961-1964.

Home cooking: Under Mack Brown, the Horns are 21–2 at home, including a current 13-game home winning streak.

2001 results: 11–2 (7–2 Big 12) **Returning starters:** 9 offense, 5 defense, both kickers


Layne Murdoch

MIAMI

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The 2001 Miami Hurricanes were on a mission to avenge their exclusion from the 2000 BCS championship game. Coach Larry Coker's mission in 2002? To rebuild an offensive line and defensive secondary that have been gutted by graduation. At least the O-line has some building blocks in center Brett Romberg and guard Sherko Haji-Rasouli. The secondary goes from a "Who's Who" to a "Who's that?" But there is an abundance of deluxe athletes ready to step in.

Quarterback Ken Dorsey and wide receiver Andre Johnson, co-MVPs of the 2002 Rose Bowl, make the offense go. Indications are that Kellen Winslow Jr. will live up to his name at tight end. Miami loses a 1,000-yard rusher for the second straight year and sophomore Frank Gore tore an ACL in the spring, so Willis McGahee should be this year's edition. The defensive front is a man-eater featuring end Jerome McDougle, tackle William Joseph and linebackers Jonathan Vilma and D.J. Williams.

Trips to Florida and Tennessee and home dates against Florida State and Virginia Tech should keep the Canes' strength-of-schedule factor more than satisfactory.

Draft record: The five Canes picked in the first round of the 2002 NFL Draft tied a modern-day record.

Keepaway: Miami's 45 takeaways and plus-2.36 per-game turnover margin both led the nation in '01.

2001 results: 12–0 (7–0 Big East) **Returning starters:** 4 offense, 6 defense, both kickers


Allen Kee

TENNESSEE

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Let's dry our tears over Tennessee losing 1,464-yard rusher Travis Stephens to graduation. The Vols brought in three heralded tailback recruits last season — Jabari Davis, Derrick Tinsley and Cedric Houston. All three of them contributed as freshmen and each one brings a different style to throw at opposing defenses.

Fans could see QB Casey Clausen's confidence and command of the game visibly increase as the 2001 season progressed. Kelley Washington is a star at wide receiver and sophomore Montrell Jones could be ready to blossom. The offensive line will get a boost from the return of tackle Michael Muñoz and guard Jason Respert from injuries. Eddie Moore has quietly established himself as one of the best linebackers in the SEC.

The good news: nine 2002 games within the state of Tennessee — seven in Knoxville and two (Wyoming and Vanderbilt) in Nashville. The bad news: Florida and Miami are among the Neyland Stadium visitors.

The Big Ones: Under Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee has compiled a record of 33–15 (.688) against nationally ranked opponents.

Sack City: The Volunteer 'D' led the SEC with 34 sacks.

2001 results: 11–2 (7–2 SEC) **Returning starters:** 5 offense, 5 defense, both kickers


Caroline West

OKLAHOMA

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Nate Hybl and Jason White learned some hard, on-the-job lessons last fall. Both started games while the other was laid up with injuries, and both should enjoy more consistent performances this time around. OU fans are itching to see redshirt freshman Brent Rawls, the 2000 Louisiana High School Player of the Year, in action at quarterback. Wide receivers Antwone Savage, Curtis Fagan and Mark Clayton all return for 2002, along with Trent Smith, who led the nation's tight ends in receiving last year with 61 catches.

The Sooners will field one of the nation's best defensive lines, anchored by end Jimmy Wilkerson and tackle Tommie Harris, both first-team All-Big 12 returnees. There are three lock-down cornerbacks on hand in Andre Woolfolk, Derrick Strait and Antonio Perkins, and junior college All-Americans Pasha Jackson and Lance Mitchell will make an immediate impact at linebacker.

Alabama visits Norman for Game 2 on Sept. 7. The next serious challenge is Texas in Dallas in mid-October, and there is no scheduled OU-Nebraska game this year.

Diaper dandy: Receiver Mark Clayton set an OU freshman record with 45 pass receptions last season.

Stingy: The 2001 Sooners finished fourth nationally in both total defense and scoring defense.

2001 results: 11–2 (6–2 Big 12) **Returning starters:** 8 offense, 7 defense, no kickers



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WASHINGTON

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In their last two outings, the Huskies gave up 112 points. Needless to say, 2002 spring practice was mostly about defense. Washington finished last in the Pac-10 against the run and both tackle starters, including All-American Larry Tripplett, have graduated. Junior Jerome Stevens, a starting end last season, has switched inside to shore up the middle. UW does claim one of the nation's best linebacking corps, with Ben Mahdavi, the team's leading tackler last fall, as its leader.

Quarterback Cody Pickett and electrifying sophomore receiver Reggie Williams ignite the offense. Pickett needs to average 145 yards per game over the next two years to take over as the school's all-time leading passer. Four offensive line starters return, and tailback Rich Alexis joins the attack full time after two years in a support role.


John Gress

The 2002 season opens at Michigan and closes with trips to Oregon and Washington State. A mid-season date at USC is another major road hurdle. The Huskies get UCLA and Oregon State at home on consecutive November weekends.

The .500-plus club: Washington has now gone 25 years without posting a losing record.
Passing mark: Washington set a school record with 279.5 passing yards per game in 2001.
2001 results: 8–4 (6–2 Pac-10) **Returning starters:** 8 offense, 5 defense, both kickers

LSU

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A second straight Southeastern Conference title for LSU will have to come without the benefit of quarterback Rohan Davey and record-setting receiver Josh Reed. And all-conference running back LaBrandon Toefield is on the mend from an ACL tear suffered in the league championship game. Matt Mauck should get the call at quarterback after his MVP performance in the Tigers' 31–20 title game win over Tennessee. Domanick Davis, a dangerous punt returner, is still available at tailback after averaging 5.4 yards on 75 rushes last fall. And Michael Clayton is a wide receiver worthy of Reed's mantle.

The defensive line was mostly done in by graduation, but linebacker Bradie James and cornerback Damien James will steady the unit in the back seven. Remember this name: Marcus Spears, who takes over at defensive end after seeing action on both sides of the ball as a true freshman last fall.


Courtland Richards

The Tigers travel to Virginia Tech for the 2002 season-opener, with later trips to Florida and Auburn on the docket and a home game against Alabama in November.

Finishers: The Tigers led the SEC in red zone offense, scoring on 87 percent of their trips inside the 20.
Drive alive: LSU also led the league in third-down conversions at 51 percent.
2001 results: 10–3 (6–3 SEC) **Returning starters:** 6 offense, 6 defense, both kickers

COLORADO

8

Tailbacks Chris Brown, Bobby Purify and Marcus Houston (if he can shake the injury bug) give CU the nation's most potent running game. Yes, even with the graduation of NFL-bound guard Andre Gurode and tackle Victor Rogers. Tackle Justin Bates, who graded out highest of all last year's starting offensive linemen; guard Marwan Hage, second only to Gurode in "domination" blocks; and center Wayne Lucier all started every game last year.

But there will be more than one dimension to the 2002 Buffaloes. Craig Ochs and Zac Colvin both have been starting quarterbacks, and Ochs opened last season as the starter before an ankle injury sent him to the sideline. Potentially, Ochs is one of the best in the game. Wide receiver Derek McCoy averaged 17.1 yards on 30 receptions last fall, and the defense is a veteran unit anchored by one of the nation's top linebacker corps.


Tim Jackson

The schedule is challenging — USC and at UCLA in mid-September, and both Oklahoma and Nebraska on the road.

Bring 'em on: Colorado went 5–2 against ranked opponents in 2001.
Many happy returns: Colorado led the nation in punt returns last year with a 17.4-yard average.
2001 results: 10–3 (8–1 Big 12) **Returning starters:** 7 offense, 7 defense, punter

MICHIGAN

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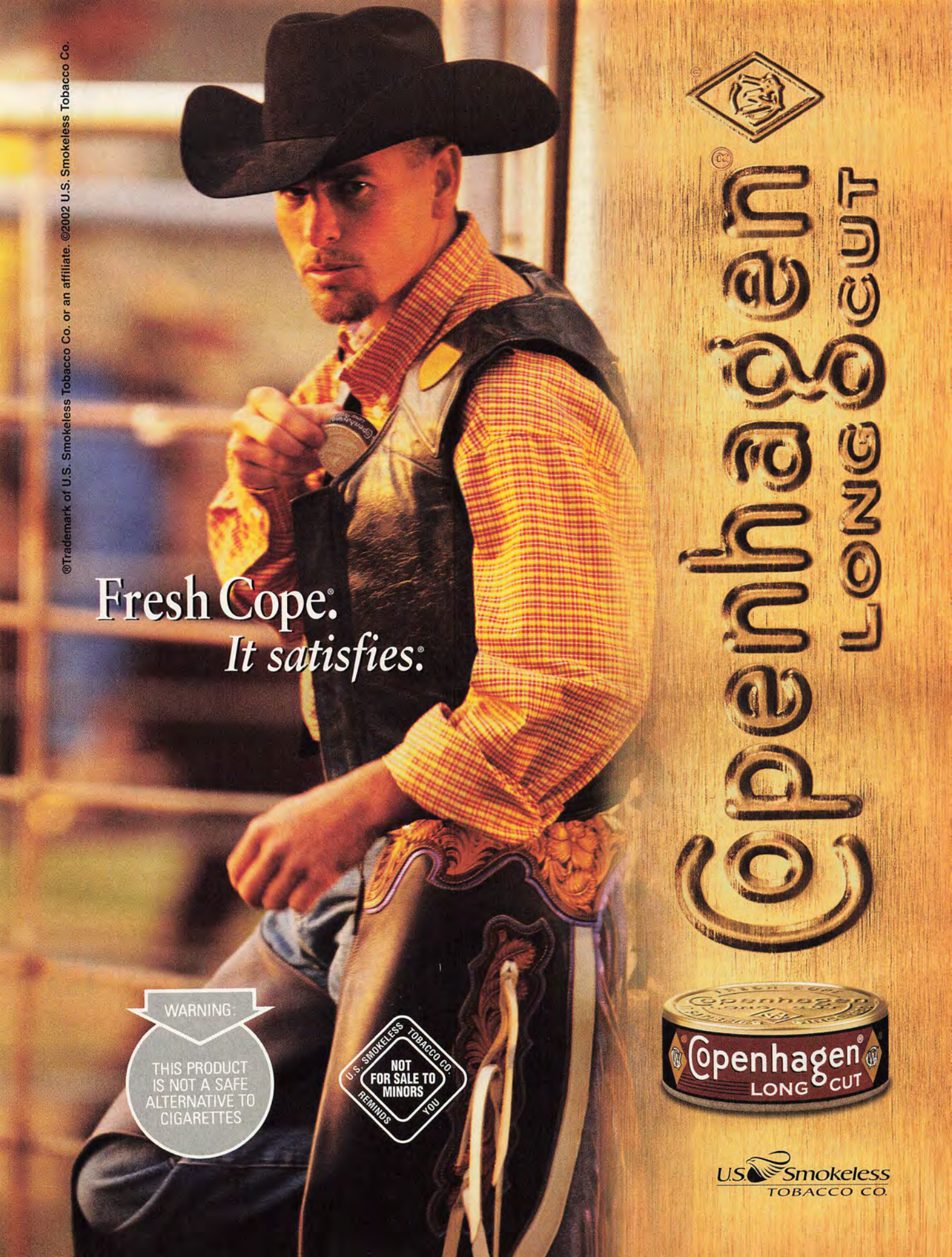
After his effectiveness as a passer took a turn south late last season, John Navarre's hold on Michigan's quarterback job is tenuous at best. Spencer Brinton, who started six games as a San Diego State true freshman before transferring to Michigan, could usurp the position. Ronald Bellamy has averaged 17 yards on 21 career receptions and will be asked to step into the role played by David Terrell in 2000 and Marquise Walker in '01. B.J. Askew, who ran for 831 yards and nine touchdowns last season, goes back to fullback for his senior year with junior Chris Perry taking over at tailback. Perry is just 88 yards shy of 1,000 for his career in two years as a backup.

The Wolverines' offensive line has issues, but their defensive line, with All-Big Ten end Dan Rumishek one of four returning starters, is the league's best.


Ross Dettman

Washington pays a return visit to Michigan to start the season on Aug. 31. Notre Dame, Illinois and Ohio State all must be dealt with on the road.

Semi-drought: Over the last nine years, Michigan has captured only one Big Ten title outright, in 1997.
All-time low: The 45–17 drubbing at the hands of Tennessee in the 2002 Citrus Bowl is Michigan's worst bowl loss ever.
2001 results: 8–4 (6–2 Big Ten) **Returning starters:** 7 offense, 8 defense, no kickers


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FLORIDA

10

SEC football just won't be the same without Steve Spurrier. The Gator legend has taken his expertise to the NFL, and Ron Zook, a defensive specialist, is now in command. Offensive coordinator Ed Zaunbrecher comes aboard from Marshall, so the Gators' attack will remain mostly airborne, and All-America quarterback Rex Grossman led the nation in both passing efficiency and total offense in 2001. But Zook is the boss and he wants more run-pass balance. Earnest Graham and big-time recruits Ciatrick Fason and DeShawn Wynn should help put some starch in the running game.

Florida loses two star wideouts to the pros, but returnee Taylor Jacobs starred in the Orange Bowl, and junior Carlos Perez is ready to emerge from the pack. Defensive coordinator John Thompson will rebuild his unit around Ian Scott, as tough a defensive tackle as there is in the SEC, and all-conference free safety Todd Johnson.


Mark Langello

The Zook era kicks off with a bang, with Miami visiting Gainesville and a trip to Tennessee — both in September. The regular-season finale is at Florida State.

MVP? Florida won the 10 games Earnest Graham started at tailback and lost the two he didn't.
Offensive: The 2001 Gators averaged 7.4 yards per play, best in the nation.
2001 results: 10–2 (6–2 SEC) **Returning starters:** 5 offense, 5 defense, punter

NEBRASKA

11

Nebraska tore through the 2001 campaign to an 11–0 record, then fell victim to a Buffalo stampede in the regular-season finale and a category-five Hurricane in the Rose Bowl. The return of nose tackle Jason Lohr after missing most of last season with a knee injury and the addition of junior college All-America linebacker Demorrio Williams should help shore up a defensive front that suddenly appears vulnerable. Rush ends Chris Kelsay and Demoine Adams have a nasty habit of showing up in opponents' backfields.

I-back Dahrran Diedrick is back after leading the Big 12 with 1,299 rushing yards in '01, and so is backup Thunder Collins, who chipped in with 647 yards. Junior Jammal Lord has been patiently backing up Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch at quarterback for two years.



Tim Umphrey

Nov. 29 is circled in red ink on the Huskers' 2002 calendar. That's when Colorado visits Lincoln. Nebraska also hosts Texas this year, but Oklahoma is conspicuously absent from the slate.

Same old same old: The 2001 Cornhuskers far outpaced the rest of the nation in rushing with 314.7 yards per game.
A rarity: Nebraska's current two-game losing streak is its longest since 1990.
2001 results: 11–2 (7–1 Big 12) **Returning starters:** 5 offense, 5 defense, both kickers

USC

12

Quarterback Carson Palmer is on pace to take over first place on USC's career passing and total offense charts. Wide receiver Kareem Kelly is on track to become the Trojans' all-time leading receiver. Both enter their fourth year as starters. Palmer was the Pac-10's most accurate passer in 2001, completing 58.6 percent for 2,567 yards. The return of tailbacks Sultan McCullough and Malaefou MacKenzie from injuries allows Sunny Byrd to return to fullback and bodes well for increased production in the running game. And keep an eye on Michigan transfer Justin Fargas at tailback.

USC's top two tacklers and co-interception leaders all return to action. All-America strong safety Troy Polamalu led the team with 118 tackles last year, including 13 for a loss. End Shaun Cody, tackle Bernard Riley and linebackers Mike Pollard and Matt Grootegoed are high-impact players in the front seven.


Peter Brouillet

No patsies on this year's non-conference schedule. Auburn comes to the Coliseum for the opener, then the Trojans are at Colorado and at Kansas State, with Notre Dame visiting for the finale.

The plus side: USC tied for fifth nationally in 2001 with a plus-1.3 per-game turnover margin.
Student body gone: The once-proud Trojan running game sank to 109th in the nation last year, averaging just 95.6 yards a game.
2001 results: 6–6 (5–3 Pac-10) **Returning starters:** 8 offense, 5 defense, placekicker

OHIO STATE

13

The race to replace three-year starter Steve Bellisari at quarterback features Craig Krenzel, Scott McMullen and heralded incoming freshman Justin Zwick. Krenzel finished last season as the starter with a win over Michigan and an Outback Bowl loss to South Carolina. The wide receiver picture is shaping up as a three-man rotation of Michael Jenkins, Chris Vance and Drew Carter, long-range weapons every one. Jenkins averaged better than 20 yards on 41 receptions in 2001. Another prize recruit, Maurice Clarett, will vie with returnee Lydell Ross for the tailback job. The firepower is there if coach Jim Tressel can find the right man to pull the trigger.

Mike Doss is a two-year All-American at strong safety and one of the nation's most feared defensive players. Tackle Tim Anderson and middle linebacker Matt Wilhelm anchor the front seven.


Larry Kunker

The Buckeyes will play eight home games for the first time since 1910, starting with Texas Tech in the Pigskin Classic and ending with Michigan.

Low turnover: The Buckeyes' plus-1.00 per-game turnover margin last season was good for 10th nationally.
Milestone: The win over Michigan marked the 400th Big Ten victory in Ohio State history.
2001 results: 7–5 (5–3 Big Ten) **Returning starters:** 5 offense, 7 defense, both kickers

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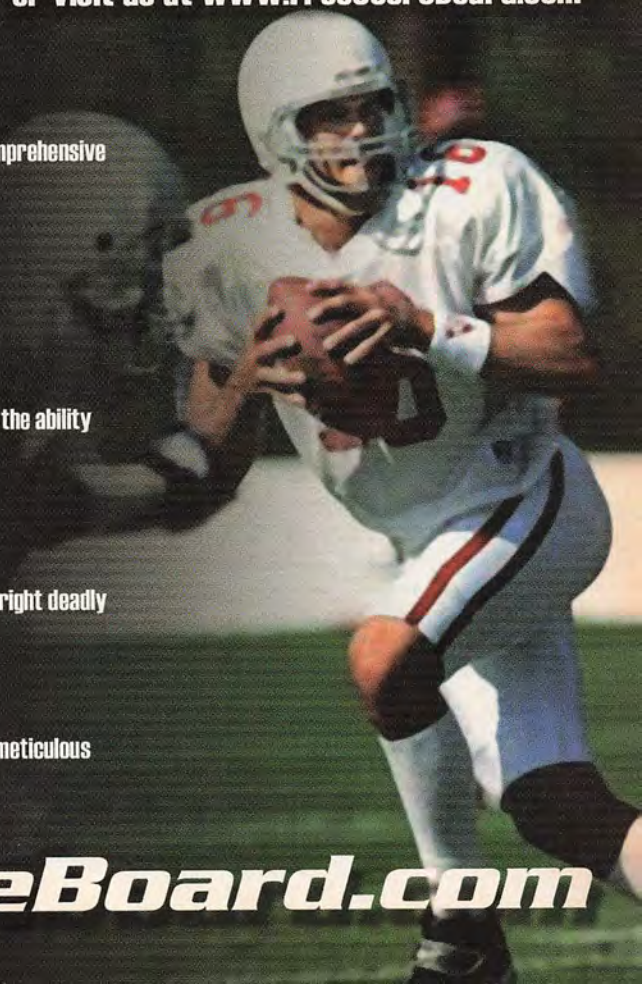
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GEORGIA

14

Georgia is as deep and talented at quarterback as any team in the SEC and maybe the nation. David Greene started all 12 games as a redshirt freshman last year and put together a sensational campaign. Cory Phillips is a former starter with sparkling credentials, and redshirt freshman D.J. Shockley might be the best of the bunch. With the graduation of running back Verron Haynes, the recovery of tailback Musa Smith from a hip/groin injury is crucial to Georgia's chances this fall.

Terrence Edwards, Fred Gibson and Damien Gary, the Dawgs' top three pass-catchers in '01, are back for more in '02. The offensive line, anchored by All-America tackle Jon Stinchcomb, is the SEC's best. The defense will be rebuilt around linebackers Tony Gilbert and Boss Bailey.

The rigorous 2002 schedule opens with Clemson and closes with Georgia Tech, both in Athens. In between is the usual SEC meat grinder.

Knoxville triumph: Georgia's come-from-behind 26–24 win over Tennessee last season was its first victory in Knoxville since 1980.

Bragging rights: The Bulldogs' 31–17 win at Georgia Tech ended a three-game losing streak to their in-state rivals.

2001 results: 8–4 (5–3 SEC) **Returning starters:** 8 offense, 5 defense, both kickers



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WASH. STATE

15

Since Mike Price's arrival as Washington State's head coach 13 years ago, he has produced a handful of outstanding teams, but never two winning records in a row. That trend should change now, since the 2001 Cougars posted a 10–2 mark and Jason Gesser is back for his senior year at quarterback. Gesser led the Pac-10 in both passing and total offense last fall and has thrown for 5,422 yards and 42 touchdowns in his career. Mike Bush, a 6'6" senior, steps into the role of go-to receiver after averaging 20.3 yards on 45 catches with a team-high nine touchdown grabs in 2001.

Both Cougar lines are the class of the conference, with All-America candidates Derrick Roche and Rien Long spearheading the units on offense and defense, respectively. Defensive end D.D. Acholonu paced the Pac-10 in sacks with 11, and Isaac Brown wasn't far behind with nine.

The 2002 non-conference slate is highlighted by a trip to Ohio State. The Washington game in Pullman could be for all the Pac-10 marbles.

Two for the Price: Mike Price was voted Pac-10 Coach of the Year for the second time in five years.

Aerial show: Washington State's passing game was the league's most prolific in 2001, amassing 3,310 yards and 30 touchdowns.

2001 results: 10–2 (6–2 Pac-10) **Returning starters:** 7 offense, 5 defense, placekicker



Greg Trott

LOUISVILLE

16

Mention Louisville to the average college football fan and the initial reaction centers around quarterback Dave Ragone. Mention the Cardinals to a Conference USA opponent and it is that swarming, suffocating defense that springs to mind. Ten starters return from last year's unit, including end Dewayne White, who tied a C-USA record last fall with 15 sacks, and 2001 Freshman All-America tackle Bobby Leffew.

Ragone, a two-time C-USA Offensive Player of the Year, has quarterbacked Louisville to back-to-back conference titles and led the league in passing efficiency and total offense last season. Ragone will distribute the ball among junior college phenom James Taylor at wide receiver, two-time first-team All-C-USA tight end Ronnie Ghent and running back T.J. Patterson, last year's leading rusher.

The Cardinals open the season with Kentucky and at Duke. Florida State visits Papa John Stadium for a huge Thursday night showdown (for Louisville) on Sept. 26.

No end zone: The 2001 Louisville defense finished 10th nationally in scoring defense, allowing 17.8 points per game.

Chief thief: Safety Anthony Floyd holds school and C-USA records with 17 career interceptions.

2001 results: 11–2 (6–1 C-USA) **Returning starters:** 5 offense, 10 defense, both kickers



Ric Fogel

WISCONSIN

17

The 2001 Badgers were the first team in Big Ten history to have two 1,000-yard passers (Brooks Bollinger and Jim Sorgi), a 1,000-yard rusher (Anthony Davis) and a 1,000-yard receiver (Lee Evans), and all four are back — sort of — in 2002. Evans tore ligaments in his left knee during the spring game and Wisconsin is not sure when, or if, he will return. Davis was the Big Ten's leading rusher with 1,466 yards and 11 touchdowns. The offensive line returns all five starters from last year, anchored by All-America candidates Al and Ben Johnson (cousins) at center and left tackle.

Despite losing a number of key performers, the Badger defense looks hungry. Anttaj Hawthorne is a 305-pound tackle who barged into the starting lineup late last season as a freshman.

The early-season schedule doesn't appear overly rigorous and should allow the defense to jell before the conference challenges roll around.

Century mark: Anthony Davis broke Tony Dorsett's NCAA freshman record for 100-yard rushing games with 10.

K-9: Wisconsin has had a 1,000-yard rusher for each of the last nine years.

Air Wisconsin: The 2001 Badgers set a school record with 2,556 passing yards.

2001 results: 5–7 (3–5 Big Ten) **Returning starters:** 7 offense, 3 defense, punter



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VIRGINIA TECH

18

Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer has brought two highly rated quarterback recruits to Blacksburg the last two years — Bryan Randall last season and now Marcus Vick (yes, he's Michael's brother). Returning starter Grant Noel tore the ACL in his left knee during the last week of spring practice, and his status for the season is up in the air.

Kevin Jones, the most dangerous running back in the Big East, netted 957 rushing yards as a true freshman last year despite not starting a game until late in the season. Lee Suggs, the 2000 sensation who missed all but the season-opener last year with a knee injury, will share the tailback job with Jones. There are holes to fill on defense, particularly at tackle and linebacker, but ends Nathaniel Adibi and Lamar Cobb and All-America cornerback Ronyell Whitaker provide a solid framework around which to build.

The Hokies host LSU on Sept. 1 with a trip to Texas A&M slated for three weeks later. The 13-game schedule concludes with a trip to Miami on Dec. 7.

Conference kingpin: Over the last nine years, Virginia Tech has won 83 games, more than any other team in the Big East.

Bowl regulars: The Hokies have extended their postseason streak to nine.

2001 results: 8–4 (4–3 Big East) **Returning starters:** 6 offense, 5 defense, both kickers



Nathan Burkett

NC STATE

19

NC State coach Chuck Amato has taken his first two Wolfpack teams to the postseason, and expectations are soaring. Quarterback Philip Rivers became the most prolific sophomore passer in ACC history last season, completing 65 percent of his throws for 2,586 yards and 16 touchdowns. The returning wide receiver corps combined for 125 catches for 1,622 yards and eight TDs in 2001. Bryan Peterson led the way with 48 grabs. With tailback Ray Robinson lost to graduation, freshman T.A. McLendon, a high school record-setting running back, could be a major factor.

Linebacker Levar Fisher, NC State's all-time leading tackler, cannot be replaced. But defensive end George Anderson racked up a team-high 11 tackles for a loss last fall, end Terrance Chapman led the Pack with seven sacks, and both return along with three starters in the secondary.

The 2002 season will build to a climax with a trip to Maryland on Nov. 9 and Florida State coming to Raleigh for the Nov. 23 finale.

Giant killer: NC State dealt Florida State its first-ever ACC home loss, 34–28 last season.

Third in two: With a record of 15–9, Chuck Amato is just the third NC State football coach to win 15 or more games in his first two seasons.

2001 results: 7–5 (4–4 ACC) **Returning starters:** 5 offense, 6 defense, both kickers



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UTAH

20

Any team that can move the ball on the ground against Utah this season will have earned it. End Jason Kaufusi, tackle Garrett Smith and linebacker Sheldon Deckart are preseason first-team All-Mountain West Conference picks. And nose guard Lauvale Sape was second-team all-conference in 2001 despite starting only two games. Antwoine Sanders led the team with four interceptions and returns at free safety.

Junior Lance Rice has been Utah's starting quarterback since late in his freshman year. As a sophomore last season he completed 56 percent of his passes for 2,086 yards and 16 touchdowns. The loss of the club's top two rushers — Dameon Hunter and Adam Tate — obscures the fact that returning senior Marty Johnson began last season as the starter. Johnson ran for a game-high 95 yards in the opener against Utah State before exiting the contest with a rib injury that kept him out the rest of the year.

The Utes must travel to Michigan in September but get their two most important games, against Colorado State and BYU, at home.

Double whammy: Utah led the Mountain West last year in both total defense and scoring defense.

Tailback U. this: The Utes held USC to one yard rushing in last season's Las Vegas Bowl.

2001 results: 8–4 (4–3 MWC) **Returning starters:** 5 offense, 8 defense, punter



Peter Brouillet

MICHIGAN STATE

21

Michigan State's fortunes in 2002 will ride on the arm of the Big Ten's best passer, Jeff Smoker, and the phenomenal skills of wide receiver Charles Rogers. Smoker is the reigning Big Ten passing efficiency king, throwing for 21 touchdowns and eight interceptions last fall while averaging 9.6 yards per attempt. Rogers, 6'4" and fast, makes good defensive backs look bad. In his first year of college action last season, he averaged 21 yards on 57 regular-season catches with 12 touchdowns, then set an MSU single-game record with 270 yards receiving in the Silicon Valley Classic.

Dawan Moss might fill the shoes of the graduated T.J. Duckett at tailback if only because of the brutish, veteran line clearing the way for him. Mike Labinjo is back at linebacker after racking up a team-high 15 tackles for a loss. Broderick Nelson, who led the Spartans with five interceptions, is back at cornerback along with Cedric Henry, an all-conference performer in 2000 who sat out last season.

The Spartans open 2002 with five straight home games. Then come Michigan and Penn State, both on the road in November.

Prolific: The Spartans led the Big Ten in passing offense last year, averaging 285 yards per game.

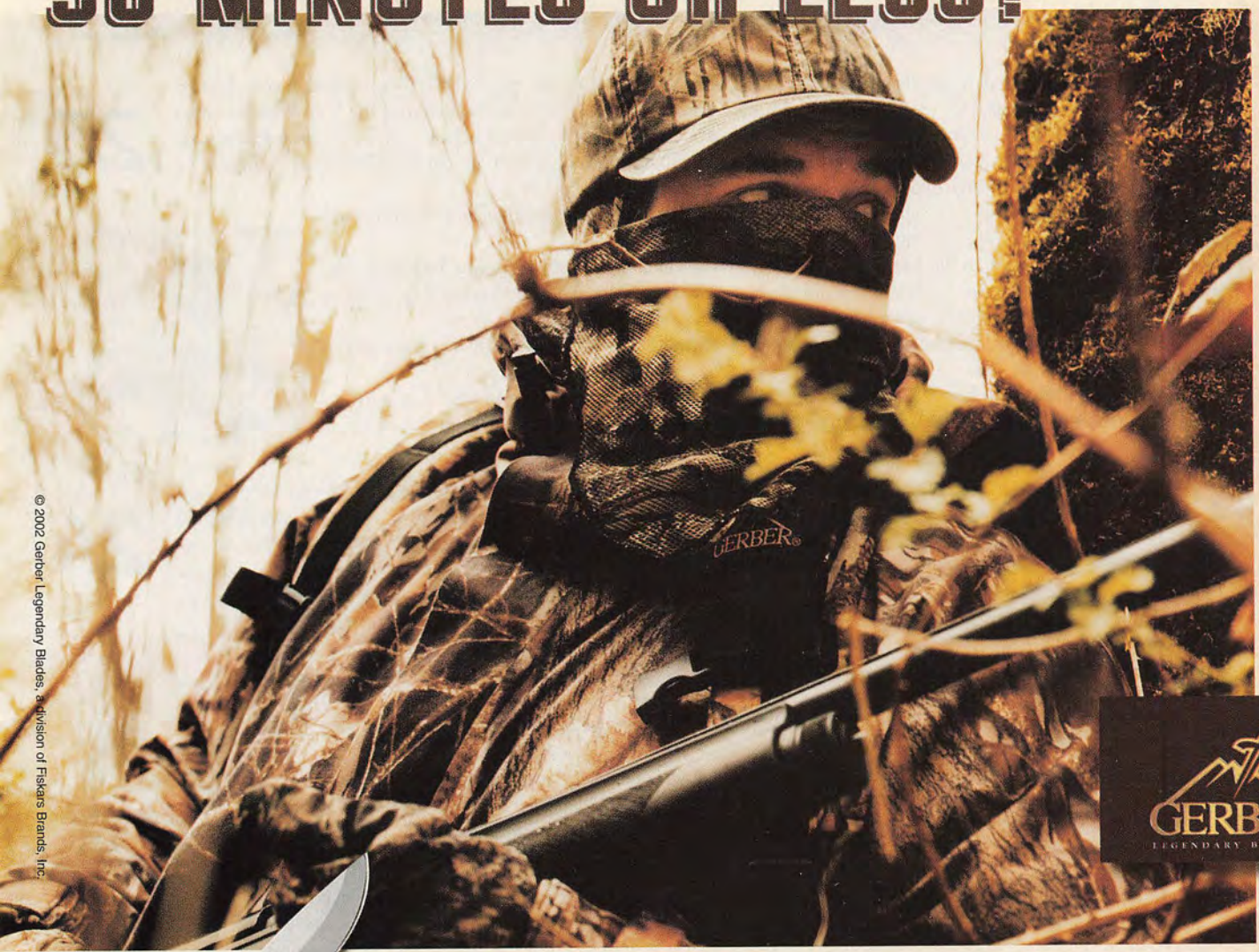
Kick away: MSU was tops in the league in kickoff returns, averaging 22.5 yards with two touchdowns.

2001 results: 7–5 (3–5 Big Ten) **Returning starters:** 7 offense, 6 defense, placekicker



Steve Woltmann

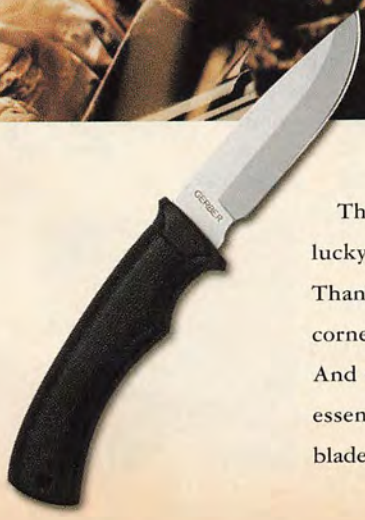
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MARYLAND

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It's a new year for the ACC champion Terrapins, but there is no doubt who the marquee names are: Bruce Perry, the conference's leading rusher last fall with 1,242 yards; and E.J. Henderson, the best linebacker in the country. There are seven other starters besides Perry returning on offense, but quarterback Shaun Hill and leading receiver Guilian Gary aren't among them. Chris Kelley was holding off West Virginia transfer Scott McBrien for the starting quarterback assignment before injuring his knee in the spring game. Now the job is McBrien's.

Henderson throws his 250 pounds around from sideline to sideline and hits with authority. His 150 tackles and 28 tackles for loss in '01 both were league highs. Henderson and Leon Joe return to a linebacking corps that will cement the defense through the early going while six new starters break in.

Maryland opens the 2002 season Aug. 31 against Notre Dame in the Kickoff Classic. The Terps get Florida State at home but will play four of their final six games on the road.


Steve Woltmann

Stop troops: The 2001 Terps led the conference in rushing defense and sacks, and finished second nationally with 24 interceptions.

Balance: The 2001 Maryland offense averaged 221 yards rushing and 219 passing.

2001 results: 10-2 (7–1 ACC) **Returning starters:** 8 offense, 5 defense, both kickers

MARSHALL

23

Let's just say Marshall might throw the ball around some this year. Last fall, quarterback Byron Leftwich completed 67 percent of his 470 passes for 4,132 yards and 38 touchdowns, and was named MAC Player of the Year. Wide receivers Darius Watts, Josh Davis and Denero Marriott are all back after combining for 226 catches, 3,178 yards and 32 touchdowns. Running back Franklin Wallace also returns after rushing for 796 yards at 5.2 per carry last season, and nine of the ten players on last year's two-deep are back in the offensive line.

A defense that gave up 416 yards per game last fall and was particularly porous against the run needs to be shored up, and All-MAC linebacker Max Yates has graduated.

The Herd rumbles into Blacksburg, Va., for an early-season contest against Virginia Tech, with new East Division rival Central Florida in Huntington a week later. Neither of the top two West Division teams, Bowling Green and Northern Illinois, appears on the slate.


Scott Boehm

Dethroned: The 2001 Thundering Herd failed to win the MAC title for the first time since joining the league in 1997.

Freshman mark: Josh Davis' 79 catches last year were the most by a freshman in NCAA history.

2001 results: 11–2 (8–0 MAC) **Returning starters:** 9 offense, 6 defense, dual-purpose kicker

SOUTH CAROLINA

24

Lou Holtz has taken the Gamecocks from the depths of a 21-game losing streak to the ranks of the contenders. Quarterback Phil Petty has graduated, but Corey Jenkins, last year's backup, secured his claim to the position over Dondrial Pinkins with a strong spring showing. The dismissal of Derek Watson from the team in the off-season leaves 250-pound Andrew Pinnock as the feature back. Pinnock averaged 5.6 yards per carry in 2001 and scored twice as many touchdowns (10) as any other South Carolina ball carrier. A new receiving threat will have to emerge to take the place of Brian Scott.

Safety Rashad Faison is the key to the Gamecock defense. Faison, a former Freshman All-American, has registered 99 total tackles in each of the last two seasons.

The 2002 schedule finds Georgia and Tennessee visiting Williams-Brice Stadium. But it closes on the road at Florida and Clemson.


Larry Kinker

Slamming the Dores: The Gamecocks' 656 yards of total offense against Vanderbilt last season were the SEC's single-game high.

Getting even: After going 0–11 his first season in 1999, Lou Holtz's South Carolina record now stands at 17–18.

2001 results: 9–3 (5–3 SEC) **Returning starters:** 5 offense, 4 defense, both kickers

OREGON

25

Oregon is coming off the winningest season in school history, and if replacements can be found for quarterback Joey Harrington and cornerbacks Rashad Bauman and Steve Smith, the Ducks' winning ways will continue. Jason Fife, Harrington's likely successor, hasn't seen much game action, but like his predecessor he is 6'4" and athletic, and has a live arm. The cornerback situation is more unsettled, but last year's nickel back, Steven Moore, should thrive at one of the spots.

Tailback Onterrio Smith ran for over 1,000 yards in 2001 as a backup and now takes over full time. Wide receiver Keenan Howry scored 11 touchdowns last year — eight receiving, one rushing and two on punt returns. The top three pass-catchers are back for the Fiesta Bowl champions. Guard Joey Forster and defensive tackle Igor Olshansky are the bulwarks of UO's front lines.


Jeff Carlick

November will decide the Ducks' fate, with Stanford and Washington visiting Eugene, and Washington State and Oregon State on the road.

Duck 'D': Colorado ran for 380 yards against Nebraska last year. In the 2002 Fiesta Bowl, Oregon held the Buffaloes to 49 yards on the ground.

Postseason prowess: Oregon has won three straight bowl games for the first time in school history.

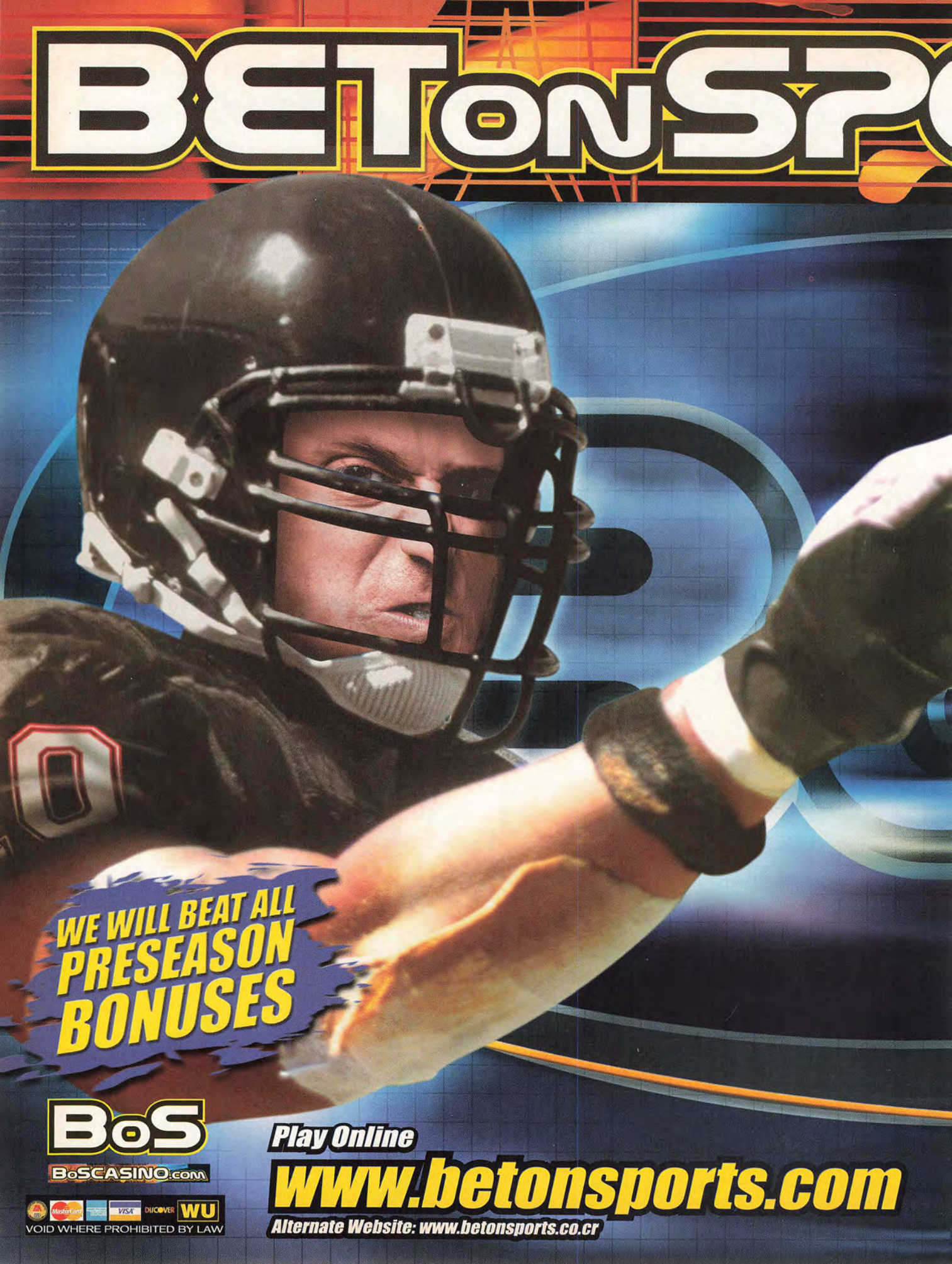
2001 results: 11–1 (7–1 Pac-10) **Returning starters:** 6 offense, 7 defense, both kickers



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Allama Matthews

Allama Matthews hasn't seen most of his old Vanderbilt teammates in a long time. But they still see him on the field every fall — though his playing career ended almost 20 years ago.

These days, Matthews, an All-America tight end on Vanderbilt's last winning team (in 1982), is a referee in the Southeastern Conference. Turn on the broadcast from Gainesville or Baton Rouge or Starkville, and you're likely to see Matthews in his line judge spot, wearing his black-and-white striped jersey.

It was a short trip for an SEC player to become an SEC referee. But Matthews followed a circuitous route to get there, a route that took him through the NFL and up every rung of the officiating ladder. It was a trip, really, he never intended to take.

Folks around Vandyland haven't forgotten Matthews, who still holds the school record for most TDs in a season (14) and receiving TDs in one game (four). But fans might not recognize him by name. To his friends these days, Matthews is simply "Al."

"Whenever someone calls me 'Allama,'" he says, "I know they are either from back in my Vandy days or from home (in Florida)."

Matthews graduated from Vanderbilt with a degree in sociology, intending to pursue a career in criminal justice and, perhaps, a law degree. Before that could happen, though, he was drafted by the Atlanta Falcons.

Matthews spent three years with Atlanta before a cracked vertebra forced him to retire. Although he never rose above the ranks of a journeyman, he says that playing professionally was like a dream.

"I grew up as a Cowboys fan," says Matthews, who still makes his home in the Atlanta area. "One of my best memories was scoring my first and only pro TD against them in Texas Stadium.

"I almost dropped it," he laughs.

After retiring from the NFL, Matthews went to work in 1987 for UPS, where he now serves as a supervisor overseeing dispatch and deliveries for one large zone in suburban Atlanta. His other career, officiating, began simply as recreation.

"Some buddies of mine who used to play with the Falcons got me into calling basketball at the little kids' rec league level," Matthews recalls. "I played a lot of basketball myself, so I enjoyed refereeing it, too."

The next year, Matthews also began officiating high school junior varsity basketball and football. The year after that, he was calling varsity games.

As he became hooked on refereeing, Matthews began to set his sights higher. He sent applications to both the Southeastern Conference and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC).

But earning a collegiate officiating job is much more involved than calling high school games. In addition to testing, conferences observe prospective refs in action. If they like you, says Matthews, "they might invite you to one of their clinics or put you on their scrimmage list."

Matthews broke into the collegiate ranks through the SIAC, calling Division II games. He still remembers his first game, between Tuskegee and Albany State. All the while, he continued to officiate high school football and basketball, too. Then, nine years ago, the SEC called.

Matthews spent the first year on the supplemental roster, filling in as needed on the field or running the clock. After his first game, between Georgia and New Mexico State, he felt like a rookie arriving in the big leagues.

"I thought I hustled real well," Matthews recalls. "Afterward, one of our evaluators got onto me about mechanics — how you move, where you line up. I didn't do it the way they did it. It was all good, constructive criticism. But I felt like I couldn't do anything right."

Fortunately, Matthews also received an encouraging reception from coaches who remembered him as a player. Before another game at Georgia, where he was assigned to work the clock, he ran into then-Bulldogs coach Ray Goff.



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With soft hands and a knack for finding open spots, Allama Matthews was a catalyst in Vanderbilt's last winning season, in 1982.

"He said, 'Why aren't you working my game?'" Matthews remembers. "It made me feel good that he wanted to have me, since (at that point) I had never officiated an SEC game. I think playing was a big plus for me when I got in, because coaches knew I had played and understood the game."

Over the years, Matthews has found that his experience as a player has helped him in many other ways, too.

Before his sophomore season at Vanderbilt, for example, the coaching staff moved him from wide receiver to defensive back before establishing him as a tight end. Now, as he watches a pass play unfold, he draws on what he learned from his brief time in the secondary to read the routes.

"As I'm reading, maybe I see that (the offensive team is) flooding the zone, which means that a certain guy will probably be wide open. So I think the quarterback will probably throw it there, and 98 percent of the time that's where the play goes. I take pride in reading angles and being in good position to see the play. That's one of the toughest things."

Matthews has also found that his experience as an SEC player has been invaluable when he works an important game. "As an official, you want to be in those big ballgames," he says. "A lot of young officials are intimidated by the big SEC crowds. It was never that way with me, because I had played those same places.

"There is a little nervousness about working a big game," he concedes. "But once the kickoff starts, all that is gone for me."

The most exciting game he ever called, he says, was in Baton Rouge in 1997 when LSU upset top-ranked Florida 28–21.

But the game that Florida and Tennessee fans still talk about occurred two years ago in Knoxville, when the Gators knocked off the Vols 27–23, thanks in part to a controversial play in which Matthews figured prominently. A defender knocked the ball loose a split-second after it hit Florida receiver Jabar Gaffney's hands in the end zone in the game's final seconds. Matthews ruled the play a touchdown. Replays appeared to show that he had made the correct call. But it didn't stop irate Tennessee fans from howling about a perceived miscarriage of justice.

Under the terms of their contracts, SEC referees cannot comment on specific calls or contests. Matthews simply smiles and describes it as a learning experience. "There was a lot that went on after that game," he says.

Over the years, he's learned well enough — and graded high enough — to be invited to work bowl games in each of the past two seasons. To Matthews, an even more important measure of success is the respect of coaches, players and fellow officials.

"Nobody tells you when you've earned it," he says, "but you know you have their respect by the way they look you in the eye and shake your hand. That's the thing you're striving for. When they look at that game card and see your name, they know you'll give them a good game.

"Having played, I know how hard players work in the off-season and how hard coaches work to get ready. That's added incentive for me to get ready to officiate. I strive to work the perfect game. I haven't done it yet, but that's always the goal."

Though he's visible to them, Matthews doesn't often see his old Vanderbilt teammates and coaches (by SEC rules, he is also barred from officiating any games involving his alma mater). "Occasionally I see (Alabama-Birmingham coach) Watson Brown," he says, "or (South Carolina assistant) Dave Roberts."

But he still savors the memories from his Vanderbilt playing days. "We went 1–10 my first year," he reflects. "By the time we were seniors, we had gone from one of the worst teams in the school's history to one of the best. That's what stays with me the most."

Someday, Matthews says, he'd like to get the call to move up one more time, to the NFL. "I want my ability to take me to whatever level it can," he says. "Maybe this (the SEC) is it. Or I might get back to the pros. Ultimately, you'd like to go to the highest level."

For now, though, Matthews is very happy where he is. "I was all-conference, All-American and played pro ball," he says. "Maybe I'm a little older and more mature now, but I would put being an official in the SEC above all that. I just really enjoy being part of the game I played for so long."

He enjoys his career with UPS, where, he says, hardly an autumn Monday goes by without 10 or 15 people mentioning the game he worked the previous Saturday. And, just like always, Matthews officiates basketball, still his favorite sport, at the high school level.

Now, he and his wife Theresa have a new daughter, Kailyn. Baby makes six in all: two girls and a boy from Al's first marriage, and two more girls from Theresa's.

Matthews has also enjoyed watching the on-field progress of his son, Terrell. Since Terrell was small, Al can count on one hand the number of Terrell's baseball, basketball and football games that he has missed.

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Nathan Burkett

As an official, Matthews' ultimate objective is to earn the respect of coaches and peers.

Of course, if things go just right, that number may grow, since father and son may both be on the same field on Saturday afternoons. Terrell, a defensive back, is swift and skilled enough to play collegiately. "Vanderbilt was recruiting him for a while before the coaching change," dad notes, a little wistfully.

The prospect of having his son follow him onto the gridiron brings home to Matthews the still-surprising reality that Terrell would be on the field 20 years after Al led the Commodores to a bowl game. All he can do is shake his head and smile: "Time," he says, "sure does fly."

1982 REVISITED:

by Jeff Rapp

Marcus Marek

In the 20-plus years since establishing himself as a tackle machine for Ohio State, Marcus Marek has remained fit, boyish, and engaging. But there was a time when Marek was becoming, well, a nuisance to his family. Not coincidentally, it was when he gave up the other love of his life — football.

"I was having post-football depression, I guess," he says. "I was in training camp mode and was getting up at 5 in the morning. I'd be out in the garden or outside working on something at like 5:30. I was driving my wife crazy. Pretty soon, I was driving me crazy."

Marek really didn't get the game out of his system. After a record-setting career at linebacker for OSU that culminated with first-team All-America honors in 1982, Marek played three seasons in the USFL with the Boston/New Orleans/Portland Breakers. The league folded after the 1985 season and Marek bounced around for a couple more years at the professional level, and even coached one year as an assistant at Harvard. After that he tried settling down — and struggled.

A parks and recreation administration major at OSU, Marek finished up his degree in 1987, and, with much of his money tucked away, decided to live the quiet life with his family in New Ipswich, N.H, in a 207-year-old estate that used to be a schoolhouse. The setting was perfectly serene with one gas station and a country general store in town. The ocean was within earshot. Mount Monadnock was in the distance.



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A largely forgotten All-American, Marek zeroed in on opposing quarterbacks with ferocious intensity.

Marek kept himself busy by building a four-foot-high stone wall around his one-acre property and turned into Felix Unger, cleaning the inside of the house religiously.

"That's when I got the boot," he says with a chuckle. His wife, Sarah, who spent her honeymoon in a Portland hotel while Marek was in training camp, insisted that he look for work. Marcus found it in Waltham, Mass., as a partner for a health club. He held down that job for five years from 1988 to 1993, then moved on to a another endeavor with a "claws" in his contract.

"I'm in the lobster business now," he says, amused at how his life has turned. "I got dressed up for the interview and ended up accepting the job in a dirty, smelly warehouse from a guy in sweats."

Marek now manages that same warehouse as a key employee for Shyer's Lobster Pound in Salem, N.H. It has turned out to be an ideal gig for a workaholic outdoorsman like Marek, who generally leaves his house (now a couple miles down the road in New Ipswich) between 10 and 11 at night and comes home about 10 or 11 in the morning. In the summer, Marek's hours easily approach 70 to 80 per week.

Marek is not a fisherman. Instead, his company purchases 5,000 to 7,500 pounds of lobster per day from Canada and Maine, keeps it in a salt-water storage facility and ships it out to restaurants and stores, many of them in Miami, Fla. "We're the first flight out of (Boston's) Logan Airport every day," he says.

The morning bustle takes a toll, but it also allows Marek to be there for his family during the day. Marcus and Sarah have four children — girls Hunter (14) and Madison (10) and boys Max (12) and Griffin (5). The youngest just happens to have the same name as the Ohio State's greatest player of all time, Archie Griffin.

It's clear Marek, who hails from Masury, Ohio, still cherishes his affiliation with Ohio State. He also feels like a fish out of water trying to follow football while living in New England.

"I have DirecTV, so I try to keep up on Ohio State," he says. "It's kind of a different sports area. I helped coach the high school and it's not the same intensity here. I tell people all the time around here that they really don't know what big-time college football is.

"I took Max to his first college game a few years ago and we went to a B.C. (Boston College) game. It isn't Ohio State. Then I made sure to take him to an Ohio State-Minnesota game (in 1998) in Columbus. We got to see Earle (former OSU coach Earle Bruce) and (Minnesota) Coach (Glen) Mason. He was in awe of all that was going on."

So was Sarah. After hearing all the stories about the OSU experience, she saw several fans grab her husband excitedly in the stands to tell him he was their favorite Buckeye.

"This one guy was telling me how important I was to him and he



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had tears in his eyes," Marek says. "Sarah said, 'They're sick,' and I said, 'That's Ohio State football. That's what I've been trying to tell you.'"

Being from northeast Ohio, Marek always fit right in with the Columbus crazies. "I was an emotional player and I can get very intense just watching a game," he says. "When my brothers-in-law come over to watch a game on TV my wife will say, 'You might not want to sit too close.'"

supposed to be and he always was around the football. And he was relentless. He was a sure tackler. Was he known for his booming hits? He had his share but he was more of a heady, smart, sure tackler who got the job done. And that's the way to be in this game. I mean, you're going to miss if you try to kill guys all the time, and Marcus understood that."

At the same time, Marek knew how to dial it up at the key moment of the game and was at his best in the contests that mattered most.

"He was always where he was supposed to be and he always was around the football.
And he was relentless. He was a sure tackler."
—Former teammate Tim Spencer



Steve Hooper

Marek's relentlessness translates well to the lobster business. He moves thousands of pounds every day.

At Ohio State, he finished the play better than anybody in the program's storied history, logging a school-record 572 stops. "That record has a good chance of holding up because I played all four years," he says. "But to me I never thought of it as some incredible talent I had. I probably ran a 4.65 or 4.7 40. But I always moved laterally real well and I think what I was really best at was anticipating the play."

Tim Spencer, a current OSU assistant who played running back for the Buckeyes from 1979-82, says Marek was as good a tackler as he has ever seen. "He was always where he was

Bruce, who is semi-retired and now lives in Florida, often delves into his archive of Ohio State games. "Whenever you watch those games there are always a few players who stand out, who are just playing the game harder than the others. Marcus was always one of those guys," Bruce says. "You could see the extra intensity — the whole game."

Marek racked up many of his highlights in the Michigan series and somehow managed to intercept a pass in all four games against the hated Wolverines. Most important, he led the Buckeyes to wins in three of the OSU-Michigan games.

"We had to play up at Michigan (in '79) and I still remember he made an unbelievable hit on Butch Woolfolk. My golly," Bruce recalls. "He came up and smacked him at about the 2- or 3-yard line and just knocked him backwards. He was a great, great linebacker for Ohio State and a great student. Oh boy, was he ever a player."

Marek's freshman year of 1979 at Ohio State marked the only season of organized football he didn't lead his team in tackling. He ranked second on a team that was ranked No. 1 in the country much of the season.

"I had quite a start to my career," he says. "I didn't know if I was good enough to play at Ohio State and here I was playing for the National Championship, 198 pounds soaking wet, chasing after Charles White."

OSU lost the Rose Bowl to USC, 17–16, but it was clear Marek was a star in the making after that near-miss season. But does Marek get his due as an all-time great? Buckeye fans usually brag first about Chris Spielman, Randy Gradishar, Tom Cousineau, Pepper Johnson and Andy Katzenmoyer.

"He shouldn't get lost on that list," Bruce says. "I couldn't put him behind Chris or anybody. He played great in the big games and I don't think there are too many that played for four years and played that well. Look up his tackles. He didn't lack anything.

"What disappointed me wasn't that he went to (the USFL); it was that he wasn't drafted higher and wasn't thought of more by the NFL. That never made sense to me. I don't know what these people are watching."

Marek isn't remembered as a great pro even though he led the Breakers — who roamed from Boston to New Orleans to Portland — in tackles every season and consistently brought down backs like Herschel Walker, Kelvin Bryant, Joe Cribs, Mike Rozier and Spencer. He also victimized quarterbacks such as Jim Kelly, Steve Young and Bobby Hebert with his pass defense. In his three years in the league, Marek recovered 10 fumbles (returning one for a score) and picked off six passes.

After playing with the Toronto Argonauts and as a scab with the New Orleans Saints, Marek gave the game up instead of dragging around bad hamstrings. "I spoke with Ray Nitschke once at the Columbus Touchdown Club while I was in college," Marek says, "and he told me, 'You don't take much from the game. Just money and friends.'

"Some guys went on to have better pro careers, but I have no regrets. I met my wife from the path I chose. Should I have waited (on the NFL)? You never know. I think I just lost a little bit of my edge after college. I didn't see it as a game anymore. It was more of a job. Being paid actually took a little bit of fun out of it, like when you're in training camp and you're rooming with a guy who plays the same position. You're trying to beat him out so you have a job and he's trying to support a family, too."

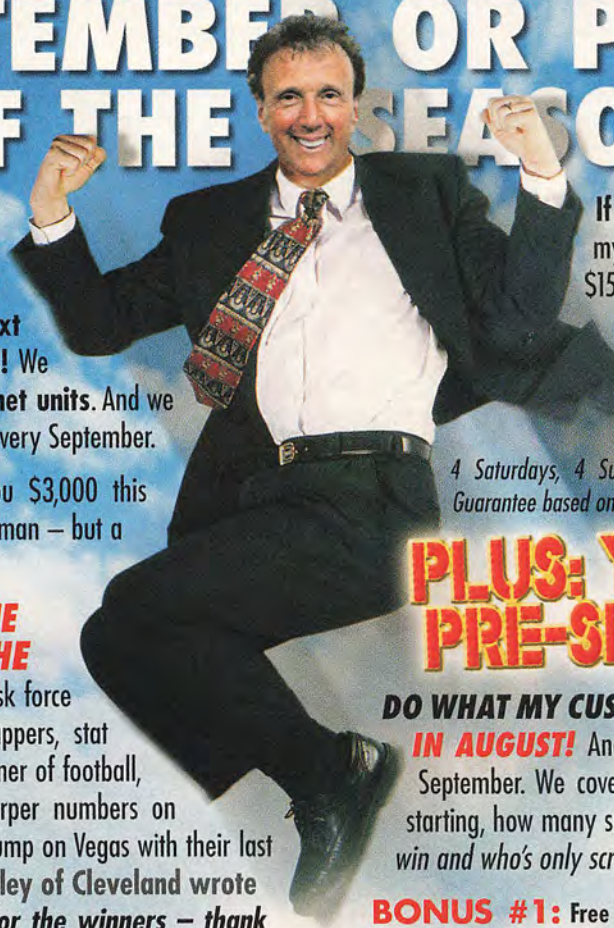
And now he does that while moving around crustaceans all day, which, like football, can get a guy nicked up.

"Basically they're the only seafood you can't farm," Marek says of lobster, which he does not eat. "If they get un-banded they'll eat other and chew on each other's antennae. They're bottom feeders.

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Tom Ramsey

Tom Ramsey walks to the middle of the Rose Bowl like he still owns it. It's been 20 years since Ramsey was named Rose Bowl MVP, but his name has only gained luster.

Ramsey is now enshrined in UCLA's Hall of Fame. He still receives autograph requests from New England Patriots fans. And as a part-time television analyst and full-time sports marketing expert, he has raised millions of dollars and attracted millions of viewers.

There was a day when Ramsey was the most dynamic presence in any room, the biggest man on any campus, the slick-talker and smooth mover with the sunshine smile.

That day was yesterday, today and tomorrow.

His career hasn't ended. It's only flourished. Ramsey still works strictly within sports, still prospers in any arena he chooses, and still appears to have as much fun off the field as he does on it.

With a profession that allows him to make his own schedule and make time for everyone around him, Ramsey spends most of his time either playing sports or watching them with his three children.

While other ex-college stars re-live the old days like they're still stuck in them, Ramsey is overjoyed with every new season.

He has moved through his life like there's no defense. After a storied college career, a stint in the USFL and a Super Bowl run with the Patriots, Ramsey has become the top college football analyst for Fox Sports Net and also established his own sports marketing company.

"This is the best job in order to stay really close to something you love without a) getting hit or b) being a coach," Ramsey says. "You can stay close to the action, but you don't have to take a beating and you can always walk away happy. A lot of people get heartbroken when a team loses, but I don't get upset. My dog doesn't look at me sideways. Even if UCLA gets clobbered by USC, I can appreciate it as a great game."

When he turned 40 last summer, Ramsey found himself reminiscing about his college days, when he was a model quarterback with fundamentals right out of the book, unquestioned leadership skills and the accuracy of a marksman.

Growing up as a high school and college rival of John Elway, Ramsey never had Elway's speed or arm strength. But in 1982, Ramsey beat Elway and Stanford, 38–35, in what might be the best game a UCLA quarterback ever played.

"That was one of the classic games," says former UCLA defensive coordinator Bob Field. "It was just an incredible performance for Tom. He was brilliant that day. He became one of the great quarterbacks in the league and he bailed us out of so many tough situations, so many times."

But Ramsey has never been a victim of his own legend. Although he recently bought



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Ramsey enjoyed a superb college career, but he doesn't dwell on the old days. His life is too rich for reminiscing.

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his son a UCLA sweatshirt to wear with his buddies, Ramsey looks ahead more than he looks back.

Even as a USFL star with the Los Angeles Express, he took the advice of owner Bill Daniels, who told Ramsey to read the Wall Street Journal every day of his career. That newspaper, Daniels said, would prepare him for life after football.

When Ramsey retired in 1990, he went right to work for Daniels at Prime Ticket, which eventually became Prime Sports, which eventually became Fox Sports Net.



Ric Fogel

No snowboards — yet — but skiing is one of Ramsey's many passions.

Ramsey went from broadcasting UCLA football to doing the national game of the week.

"He's a natural," Field says. "He is a bright guy who enjoys people. Everyone at UCLA still remembers him as a charismatic person with very good leadership skills. He had a way and he still has it now."

During the season, Ramsey keeps almost the same hours he did as a player. He obsesses over each game he covers, prepares for every play and travels to big cities interspersed with college towns.

He is endlessly amazed at all the old friends he sees weekly. In the fraternity that is college football, Washington coach Rick Neuheisel used to be Ramsey's backup at UCLA. Cal coach Jeff Tedford was a competing quarterback. Now, they're all colleagues.

"Everyone says there are six degrees of separation, and if that's the case, in football there are only two degrees. I see people I played with or against all the time. I've been in sports all my life and developed deep relationships. When you've been in the trenches with these guys, you have inordinate respect for them."

The same year he started in the booth, Ramsey worked his way to the penthouse. He began to market properties for sports franchises, television companies and even organizations like the United States Olympic Committee. Ramsey is now an independent marketer who sells sponsorships and also works as a sales executive.

That's why, when UCLA athletic director Peter Dalis announced his retirement this year, Ramsey became the first to publicly apply for the job.

Even though he had no experience working in athletic departments, Ramsey's candidacy made all sorts of sense. He has become famous as a master fundraiser, an ambassador for college sports and a charming presence. He could dazzle the same alumni and boosters he used to impress as a player.

Ramsey ultimately didn't get the position, but his name figures to pop up every time there is an opening at his alma mater.

Ramsey also has more ties to Westwood than he ever made in New England. His family lives in Santa Barbara, his brother works for the Los Angeles City Fire Department, and he has kept a house near campus. He hopes his kids will one day graduate from UCLA.

"I have a passion for that school," Ramsey says. "I've met with conferences and universities on the business side and also the athletic side, so I know how departments and conferences are run. The teams at UCLA are nationally recognized and there are a lot of pluses to being involved with that."

He has always been more interested in participating than rooting. In the off-season, Ramsey is always playing basketball, tennis or biking on the many trails near his house in Denver. There is a golf course and pool right around the corner, and he's exactly two hours from the slopes of Vail.

After so many years getting pounded by defensive lineman from the Big Ten to the Buffalo Bills, Ramsey is now just terrified to step foot on a snowboard.

"I promise my son I'll do it by the end of this season," Ramsey says. "We're outside all of the time and we do everything together."

His life can sound idyllic. He takes his daughters to their gymnastics lessons, his son to Little League. He still keeps in touch with college coach Terry Donahue and many of his former UCLA teammates.

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When asked about the challenges he's conquered over the years, Ramsey can't think of any. When asked about the obstacles, he admits that the usually difficult transitions have been fairly easy.

"I feel like I got pretty lucky," Ramsey says. "I enjoy all the simple things. I played football for eight years and it went by in the snap of your finger. But pro sports gave me a head start to the rest of my life."

Ramsey appears to have every answer, but he insists that he's just like all of his former college teammates who tried to strike NFL gold and eventually failed, having to fall back on something else.

He doesn't have a mountain house in Aspen. He was hurt by the Internet economy collapse two years ago. And he has to still get on a plane almost every week, even though he'd rather not. "After Sept. 11, when we went to our first game, my wife asked me if I really wanted to do this," Ramsey says. "This is what I have to do."

It just so happens to be what he loves. Ramsey marvels at the athleticism of college football players. He relishes the relationships with many of his old teammates. And he still loves the innocence of the college game.

Although Ramsey still receives fan mail from New Englanders, and still rooted for the Patriots as they made another Super Bowl march, he is now a businessman, and sees the NFL as the business that it is.

"The part of the NFL people see on TV is the best part," Ramsey says. "The rest isn't so glamorous. It's a big-ticket, big-money item. I can't compare college football with the NFL. College was so perfect for me and for many of my friends."

This season, as every season, Ramsey will return to UCLA for another homecoming. He will hear about the time he led the Bruins back from a 21–0 deficit against Michigan. About the legendary battle with Elway. About the Rose Bowl MVP trophy.

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Gabe Rivera

Gabe Rivera says people have always been transfixed by his "wheels." At San Antonio Jefferson High School in the late 1970s, he was often referred to as "hell on wheels" as he amazed the city's fans, his teammates and opponents with his speed and quickness.

Then at Texas Tech, he arrived in 1979 weighing more than 300 pounds and promptly ran the 40 yards in 4.8 seconds. That's a decent time for an inside linebacker in today's game. Twenty years ago, that kind of speed for a defensive tackle was simply astonishing.



Texas Tech SID

Tragedy, not lack of talent, prevented Señor Sack from terrorizing the NFL as he had the Southwest Conference.

The speed helped him become an All-American. It made him a first-round draft pick of the Pittsburgh Steelers, who dubbed him the next Joe Greene. And by all early accounts, it had him perched on the brink of NFL stardom.

"He was a freak of nature," says Ron Reeves, the former Texas Tech quarterback who first pinned the nickname "Señor Sack" on Rivera. "From the knees up, he looked like a block of granite. But from the knees down, he had little racehorse calf muscles and ankles. I remember watching him the first time we ran sprints, and he was running on his toes like a sprinter, not a defensive lineman.

"He was just an unbelievable talent for being that big. He could dunk a basketball, run with the fast guys, everything. He had some serious wheels."

In a cruel twist, tragedy has confined this once-dominant athlete to wheels of a different sort. For the last two decades, he's been a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair.

Rivera never became an impact NFL player. The night of Oct. 20, 1983 saw to that. A devastating accident ended his career, ended many of his dreams and nearly ended his life.

"I could have easily died," says Rivera, now 41. "But the good Lord kept me on this earth for a little longer for a reason. I have a lot to be thankful for. I don't think much about the negatives. I try to think about the positives. That's what keeps me going. I can't dwell on what could have been or what I should have done."

Rivera, however, is quick to acknowledge what he should have done on that fateful night some 19 years ago. He should have called a cab.

Then a rookie with the Steelers, Rivera stopped by a suburban Pittsburgh bar with some teammates to unwind with a few beers. But a few beers turned into a few too many.

So many, in fact, Rivera remembers nothing about the one-car accident that left him paralyzed from the chest down.

"Most of what I know about the accident comes from police reports," says Rivera, who lives in San Antonio. "They said I hit another (parked) car, and I was thrown out the back window of my 280-Z. I really don't know. I had too much to drink. It's a mistake I've had to live with ever since."

Probably for the rest of his life, too. Rivera hasn't given up hope that he will one day leave the wheelchair behind and walk on his own power. He prays for a miracle and realizes that's what it will take. But he has also come to grips with the notion that he probably won't ever walk. After years of anguish and anger, he's now comfortable with that reality.

"Nowadays, you hear about medical breakthroughs and all kinds of different things happening," says Rivera, who was inducted into the Texas Tech football Hall of Honor in 1993. "So, you never give up. When I first got injured, doctors said maybe in about 10 years or so the technology will be to a point where I could walk again. Well, that hasn't happened. But I haven't dwelled on it, and I know that I can handle it even if I never walk again.

"My whole attitude is that the good Lord gave me another opportunity to live, and I ain't gonna waste it by sitting around feeling sorry for myself or dwelling on negatives."

Rivera says it took about five years to come to grips with the accident. He even went to China for some non-traditional herbs and acupuncture treatments. And through the years of rehab — both traditional and non-traditional — there have been some moderate improvements. Rivera has regained about 85 percent range of motion in his right arm. And his left arm is fine.

Amazingly, his outlook on life is fine, too. Rivera now collects NFL disability pay and does volunteer work with inner-city kids. He's spoken on the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and preached the importance of wearing seatbelts. And he's refused to be a prisoner of his disabilities.

"I've had a few opportunities to work with kids in wheelchairs, and I have tried to be a positive influence," Rivera says. "Mainly, I think being out there in the community and showing people that you can go on even in a wheelchair has been some encouragement for people."

Rivera is even able to joke about the benefits of being in a wheelchair. After all, without the chair, there's a good chance he would never have met his wife.

"Nancy and I have been married about two and a half years," he says. "I was at the San Antonio Zoo, and I accidentally ran over her foot. I apologized, and the rest is history. Now, I'm married and have two wonderful stepdaughters, Roni and Myste. So, I guess there has been at least one advantage."

Looking at the bright side of things has been a long-time trademark of Rivera's, says former Texas Tech coach Jerry Moore, who has been the head coach at Appalachian State for the past 13 years.

Moore, who took over at Tech in 1981, went 5–16–1 during his first two years with the Red Raiders — Rivera's junior and senior seasons. But Moore says Rivera made it fun to go to work. That was partly due to Rivera's upbeat demeanor and partly because of his dominating presence up front.

"Gabe was a special player," Moore says. "He had a lot of great ballgames, but one that sticks out in my mind is when we played at No. 1 Washington (in 1982). We lost (10–3) on kind of a fluke play, and we came back to Lubbock that night. The next day people were talking about all the press on Gabe along the West Coast. Generally, if you go off and play somewhere, maybe your running back or quarterback will get the press, but not a defensive lineman. People on the West Coast were raving about how they had never seen a defensive lineman dominate a ballgame like Gabe did."

Few dominated like Rivera. Facing double- and triple-team blocking schemes on a mediocre team, Rivera set the school record for tackles for a loss (34 from 1979-82). The 300-pound Hispanic-American spent so much time in the offensive backfield that Reeves came up with the name Señor Sack.

"I was thrilled he was on my team, and I was also thrilled I had a yellow shirt on in practice so he wouldn't hit me," Reeves says. "He was a force. It came so easy for him that a lot of times people may not have thought he was trying hard. Some of the really great players are that way. They don't look like they are going hard all the time because they seem to make it look so easy. Gabe was like that.

"He was also a real good locker room guy. He was always having fun and joking around. He was also good in town, trying to be a good influence on kids. He and I had a lot of fun together doing those types of things back in our glory days."

The Steelers, who used the 21st overall pick of the 1983 draft to select Rivera, believed he had a glorious future and would be the next great Steeler defender. Upon arriving at training camp, Rivera again stunned his new coaches and teammates with his speed and agility.

They used words such as "reckless abandon," "destructive" and "crushing blows" to describe the rookie phenomenon. Those words would also become sadly applicable to the night that nearly ended his life.

"I was knocked unconscious, and I didn't come to until close to when my son was born, which was Nov. 11," Rivera says. "My son's name is Timothy. It was really hard, coming through and realizing that I couldn't hold my son or bounce him on my lap.

"Of all the regrets, that's my greatest. He's 18 now, living in Fort Worth with his mother, and all he's known of me is in this wheelchair. My son never got to see me the way I once was. But I hope he's proud of the man I have become. We talk quite a bit, and I hope he knows I've tried to make the best of a bad situation."

Indeed, it's probably not Rivera's wheels that should be the focus anymore, but rather, his will to make a difference.

"I have a lot to be thankful for. I don't think much about the negatives. I try to think about the positives. That's what keeps me going. I can't dwell on what could have been or what I should have done."



Rivera Family

Rivera's smile is undimmed by his difficult circumstances. He uses his disability as a bridge to reach out to others.

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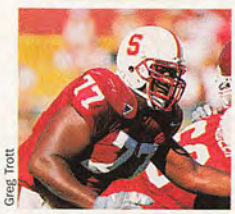
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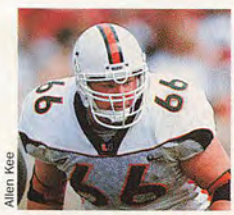
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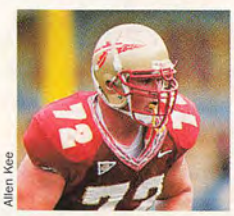
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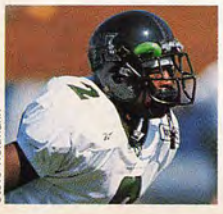
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QUARTERBACK • REX GROSSMAN
Junior • Florida 6'1" 220

Grossman was a unanimous All-American, SEC Player of the Year and Heisman Trophy runner-up in 2001 after leading the the nation in both passing efficiency and total offense per game. He completed 259-of-395 passes for 3,896 yards and 34 touchdowns. He threw for 300 or more yards in 10 games, including a school-record nine in a row, and set another Gator mark with 464 passing yards at LSU.

RUNNING BACK • ANTHONY DAVIS
Sophomore • Wisconsin 5'8" 183

Davis finished fifth in the nation in 2001 with 133.3 rushing yards per game. His 1,466 yards led the Big Ten. He broke Tony Dorsett's NCAA freshman rushing record of 100-yard games with 10, and ran for 200-plus twice. His rushing total was the third-highest by a freshman in Big Ten history and sixth-highest in NCAA history. He was a consensus all-conference selection and Freshman of the Year.

RUNNING BACK • ONTERRIO SMITH
Junior • Oregon 5'10" 195

Smith transferred to Oregon from Tennessee and made a huge splash in his first season back in action. He led the Ducks in rushing with 1,058 yards, averaging 6.0 per carry, and he was second string behind now-graduated Maurice Morris. Smith, who can run over defenders or run by them, surpassed the 100-yard mark in three games and tore through Washington State for a school-record 285 yards.

WIDE RECEIVER • CHARLES ROGERS
Junior • Michigan State 6'4" 200

Size, speed, moves, hands — Rogers is the total package. After sitting out his freshman year in 2000, Rogers exploded on the scene last fall, averaging 21.1 yards on 57 regular-season receptions, 12 of them for touchdowns. He then added another 10 catches for a school-record 270 yards and two touchdowns in the Spartans' 44–35 win over Fresno State in the Silicon Valley Classic.

WIDE RECEIVER • ROY WILLIAMS
Junior • Texas 6'4" 210

Williams played his sophomore year at about 75 percent because of painful bone spurs in his left ankle and still caught 67 passes for 836 yards and seven touchdowns, and was first-team All-Big 12. Imagine his productivity this season when he is expected back at 100 percent. In 2000, Williams set a school freshman record with eight touchdown catches and was named Big 12 Freshman of the Year.

TIGHT END • TRENT SMITH
Senior • Oklahoma 6'5" 230

Smith, one of three finalists for last year's Mackey Award, led the nation's tight ends in receptions and receiving yards. His 61 catches in 2001 were a new Oklahoma single-season record, eclipsing the old mark held by Eddie Hinton for 33 years. Smith posted a team-high six touchdown catches. He also set Sooner single-game records for receptions (11) and touchdown catches (four) against Kansas.

KICK RETURNER • CHAD OWENS
Sophomore • Hawaii 5'8" 175

Owens averaged 33.6 yards on kickoff returns in 2001. He scored three times — twice on kickoffs and once on a punt. Against BYU, he set NCAA records for return yardage.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN • JON STINCHCOMB
Senior • Georgia 6'6" 278

Stinchcomb is the most decorated of four starters returning to a Georgia offensive line that should be the SEC's best in 2002. Stinchcomb has been a mainstay of the unit since his freshman year and has started 33 games during his career. He was a Freshman All-American in 1999 and has been All-SEC ever since. Last fall he turned in 18 "dominator" blocks on his way to first-team all-conference honors.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN • KWAME HARRIS
Junior • Stanford 6'7" 308

Stanford's coaches spent the 2000 season juggling their veteran offensive line personnel to find ways to get Harris, then a true freshman and the nation's highest-rated offensive line recruit, into an active role. He was the only freshman on the team to earn a letter. Last fall, Harris earned All-Pac-10 honors after turning in a dominating performance in his first year as a full-time starter at right tackle.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN • BRETT ROMBERG
Senior • Miami 6'3" 290

Miami's offensive line last season was one of the best in college football history, and Romberg, a finalist for the 2001 Dave Rimington Trophy as the nation's best center, made all the blocking calls. A first-team All-Big East returnee with some All-America credentials also on his résumé, Romberg has yet to allow a sack during his college career. He has made 23 consecutive starts.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN • TONY PASHOS
Senior • Illinois 6'6" 320

Pashos, a first-team All-Big Ten selection for the conference champions last year, has started all 36 games of his Illinois career. From his right tackle position in 2001, Pashos averaged a pancake block on one out of every 8.3 snaps, a total of 111 for the year. He is the linchpin of a line that allowed just 16 sacks all last season and paved the way for over 5,000 yards of total offense.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN • BRETT WILLIAMS
Senior • Florida State 6'6" 317

Williams enters his fourth year as Florida State's starting split tackle. He is a first-team All-ACC returnee after being named to the all-conference second team as a freshman and sophomore. The reigning Jacobs Blocking Trophy winner as the league's best offensive lineman, Williams led the Seminole linemen with a 91 percent blocking grade, 48 pancakes and 30 key blocks.

KICKER • SETH MARLER
Senior • Tulane 6'0" 195

Marler was good on 94 percent of his field goal attempts in 2001, including 7-of-7 from 40 yards-plus and 3-of-3 from 50-plus. He is two 3-pointers shy of the Tulane record.

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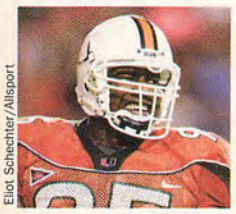
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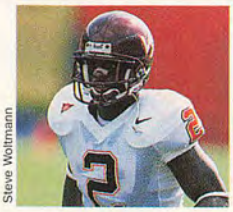
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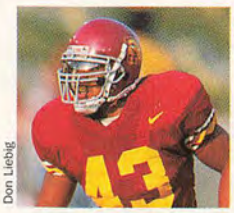
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DEFENSIVE LINEMAN • TERRELL SUGGS
Junior • Arizona State 6'3" 242

Suggs has established himself as one of the best pass rushers in the nation, if not the best. A former high school All-America running back with over 2,000 rushing yards as a senior, Suggs made the transition to defense as a college freshman two years ago to the tune of Pac-10 Freshman of the Year honors. He was first-team all-conference last season after registering 10 sacks and 18 tackles for a loss.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN • CORY REDDING
Senior • Texas 6'5" 270

Redding, first-team All-Big 12 and a second-team All-American in 2001, has appeared in all 39 of the Longhorns' games since arriving in Austin as a true freshman and has started the last 24. He led his team's defensive linemen last fall with 57 tackles, five sacks and 14 tackles for a loss. His career ledger shows 33 tackles behind the line, including 31 over the last two years.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN • WILLIAM JOSEPH
Senior • Miami 6'5" 282

Joseph was a second-team All-Big East selection and third-team All-American for the Hurricanes in 2001. From his defensive tackle position, he led the national champs in sacks with 10 and in tackles for a loss with 19 among his 61 total tackles. He has started all 34 regular-season games of his career and is enjoying a current string of four consecutive games with at least one sack.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN • JEROME MCDOUGLE
Senior • Miami 6'4" 260

McDougle landed on last year's All-Big East first team in his first season of action out of Hinds (Miss.) Junior College. He racked up 48 quarterback hurries from his defensive end spot in '01 while also turning in 59 total stops, seven sacks and 15 tackles for a loss. In Miami's 65–7 win over Washington, McDougle intercepted a pass and ran it back 14 yards for a touchdown.

LINEBACKER • LAWRENCE FLUGENCE
Senior • Texas Tech 6'2" 244

Flugence, a first-team All-Big 12 choice and third-team All-American as a junior, has led the conference in tackles for two straight years. He finished last season with 145 total stops after posting 156 as a sophomore. In 2001, he registered 17 tackles each against Texas A&M and Kansas State and 12 each against Oklahoma and Nebraska. Among his 307 career tackles are 15 behind the line and seven sacks.

LINEBACKER • E.J. HENDERSON
Senior • Maryland 6'2" 250

Henderson is the reigning ACC Player of the Year and was a consensus All-American in 2001. He was the conference's leading tackler last fall with 150 total stops, including 103 solos. He registered six sacks and a school-record 28 tackles for a loss, intercepted a pass and blocked two kicks. Of the three finalists for last year's Butkus Award, Henderson is the only one back for 2002.

LINEBACKER • JONATHAN VILMA
Junior • Miami 6'2" 220

Vilma imprinted his memory on the college football-viewing nation, and left his helmet impression on some red-clad rib cages, in Miami's Rose Bowl win over Nebraska for the national title. He made first-team All-Big East by leading the Hurricanes with 79 tackles, including five for a loss. He picked off a pass in the Washington game, returning it 16 yards to set up the first of many Miami touchdowns that night.

DEFENSIVE BACK • RONYELL WHITAKER
Senior • Virginia Tech 5'9" 197

Whitaker was a first-team All-Big East performer and third-team All-American in 2001, and now enters his third year as a starting cornerback. As a junior, he led the Hokies with 10 pass breakups and also totaled 53 tackles and an interception. In Virginia Tech's 38–7 loss at Pittsburgh, Whitaker scored his team's only touchdown by returning a blocked field goal attempt 71 yards to paydirt.

DEFENSIVE BACK • TROY POLAMALU
Senior • USC 5'10" 215

The Trojans' returning All-America strong safety is a big-play machine. During his career Polamalu has blocked four punts and returned three of his five interceptions for touchdowns. Of his 213 career tackles, 20 have been for a loss. In 2001 Polamalu blocked three punts; led USC with 118 tackles, including 13 for a loss; and picked off three passes with 116 return yards and two TDs.

DEFENSIVE BACK • MIKE DOSS
Senior • Ohio State 5'11" 204

The only repeater on this year's Athlon preseason All-America team, Doss has been All-America and consensus All-Big Ten the last two seasons. He has led the Buckeyes in tackles both years with combined totals of 173 tackles and 22 for a loss. Last season, he blocked punts at UCLA and Indiana, intercepted two passes at Michigan and scored on a 30-yard fumble return against Northwestern.

DEFENSIVE BACK • NATHAN VASHER
Junior • Texas 5'11" 180

Vasher is the nation's top returning pass interceptor with seven in 2001. He made the switch from cornerback to safety last year and now goes back to corner for his junior campaign. He has started 16 games as a Longhorn, including all 13 last season when he was a first-team All-Big 12 choice. Vasher's seven picks last fall tied a school record. He also logged 53 tackles and 18 pass breakups.

PUNTER • BROOKS BARNARD
Senior • Maryland 6'2" 188

Barnard is Maryland's all-time leader in career, single-season and single-game punting averages. In 2001 he averaged 44.5 yards and placed 17 inside the opponents' 20.

PUNT RETURNER • KEENAN HOWRY
Senior • Oregon 5'10" 170

Howry was first-team All-Pac-10 last season as both a receiver and a punt returner. He averaged 14.5 yards on punt returns last fall, running two of them back for touchdowns.

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OFFENSE

WR	Charles Rogers	6'4"	200	Jr.	Michigan State
WR	Roy Williams	6'4"	210	Jr.	Texas
TE	Trent Smith	6'5"	230	Sr.	Oklahoma
OL	Jon Stinchcomb	6'6"	278	Sr.	Georgia
OL	Kwame Harris	6'7"	308	Jr.	Stanford
OL	Brett Romberg	6'3"	290	Sr.	Miami
OL	Tony Pashos	6'6"	320	Sr.	Illinois
OL	Brett Williams	6'6"	317	Sr.	Florida State
QB	Rex Grossman	6'1"	220	Jr.	Florida
RB	Anthony Davis	5'8"	183	So.	Wisconsin
RB	Onterrio Smith	5'10"	195	Jr.	Oregon

DEFENSE

DL	Terrell Suggs	6'3"	242	Jr.	Arizona State
DL	Cory Redding	6'5"	270	Sr.	Texas
DL	William Joseph	6'5"	282	Sr.	Miami
DL	Jerome McDougle	6'4"	260	Sr.	Miami
LB	Lawrence Flugence	6'2"	244	Sr.	Texas Tech
LB	E.J. Henderson	6'2"	250	Sr.	Maryland
LB	Jonathan Vilma	6'2"	220	Jr.	Miami
DB	Ronyell Whitaker	5'9"	197	Sr.	Virginia Tech
DB	Troy Polamalu	5'10"	215	Sr.	USC
DB	Mike Doss	5'11"	204	Sr.	Ohio State
DB	Nathan Vasher	5'11"	180	Jr.	Texas

SPECIALISTS

K	Seth Marler	6'0"	195	Sr.	Tulane
KR	Chad Owens	5'8"	175	So.	Hawaii
P	Brooks Barnard	6'2"	188	Sr.	Maryland
PR	Keenan Howry	5'10"	170	Sr.	Oregon

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

WR	Shaun McDonald	5'9"	172	Jr.	Arizona State
WR	Kelley Washington	6'4"	225	So.	Tennessee
TE	Ronnie Ghent	6'3"	237	Sr.	Louisville
OL	Nat Dorsey	6'6"	315	So.	Georgia Tech
OL	Derrick Roche	6'5"	295	Sr.	Wash. State
OL	Jeff Faine	6'3"	298	Sr.	Notre Dame
OL	Eric Steinbach	6'7"	284	Sr.	Iowa
OL	Todd Wike	6'3"	300	Sr.	Maryland
QB	Ken Dorsey	6'5"	200	Sr.	Miami
RB	Dahrran Diedrick	6'0"	225	Sr.	Nebraska
RB	Clarence Farmer	6'1"	215	Jr.	Arizona

DEFENSE

DL	Jimmy Kennedy	6'5"	330	Sr.	Penn State
DL	Darnell Dockett	6'4"	285	Jr.	Florida State
DL	Tommie Harris	6'3"	278	So.	Oklahoma
DL	Dewayne White	6'3"	277	Jr.	Louisville
LB	Bradie James	6'3"	238	Sr.	LSU
LB	Lance Briggs	6'2"	235	Sr.	Arizona
LB	Jarrod Penright	6'2"	240	Sr.	Texas A&M
DB	Sammy Davis	6'1"	183	Sr.	Texas A&M
DB	Terrence Holt	6'2"	203	Sr.	NC State
DB	Stuart Schweigert	6'3"	208	Jr.	Purdue
DB	Eugene Wilson	5'11"	185	Sr.	Illinois

SPECIALISTS

K	Todd Sievers	6'3"	214	Sr.	Miami
KR	Chris Massey	6'0"	204	Sr.	Okla. State
P	Glenn Pakulak	6'3"	230	Sr.	Kentucky
PR	Luke Powell	5'8"	170	Jr.	Stanford

THIRD TEAM

OFFENSE

WR	Kevin Curtis	5'11"	183	Sr.	Utah State
WR	Darius Watts	6'2"	183	Jr.	Marshall
TE	Doug Zeigler	6'5"	254	Sr.	Ole Miss
OL	Shawn Andrews	6'6"	330	So.	Arkansas
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DL	Dan Klecko	6'1"	276	Sr.	Temple
DL	Eric Manning	6'1"	295	Sr.	Oregon State
LB	Gerald Hayes	6'3"	245	Sr.	Pittsburgh
LB	Sean Doyle	6'0"	235	Sr.	Missouri
LB	Eddie Strong	6'4"	245	Sr.	Ole Miss
DB	Anthony Floyd	5'10"	202	Sr.	Louisville
DB	Ken Hamlin	6'2"	197	Jr.	Arkansas
DB	Ricky Manning	5'9"	180	Sr.	UCLA
DB	Derrick Strait	5'11"	194	Jr.	Oklahoma

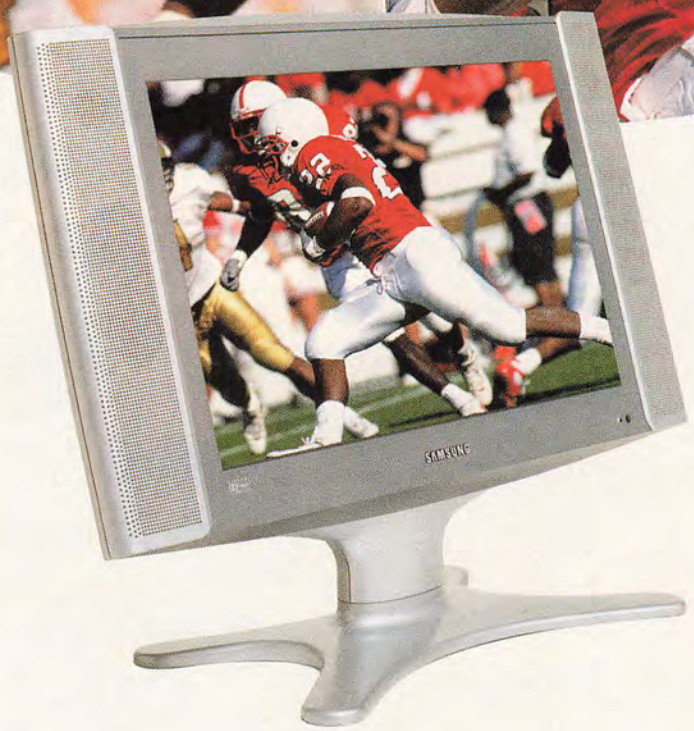
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KR	Chris Douglas	5'11"	190	Jr.	Duke
P	Nate Fikse	5'9"	185	Sr.	UCLA
PR	Bernard Berrian	6'2"	190	Sr.	Fresno State

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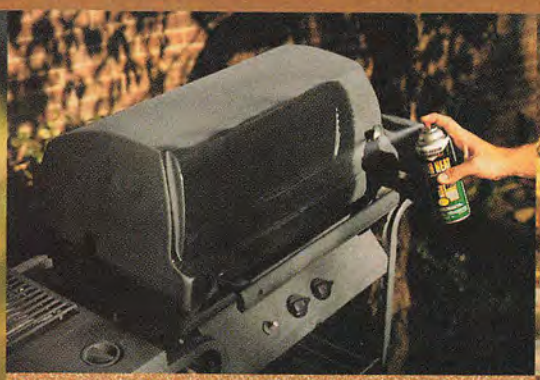
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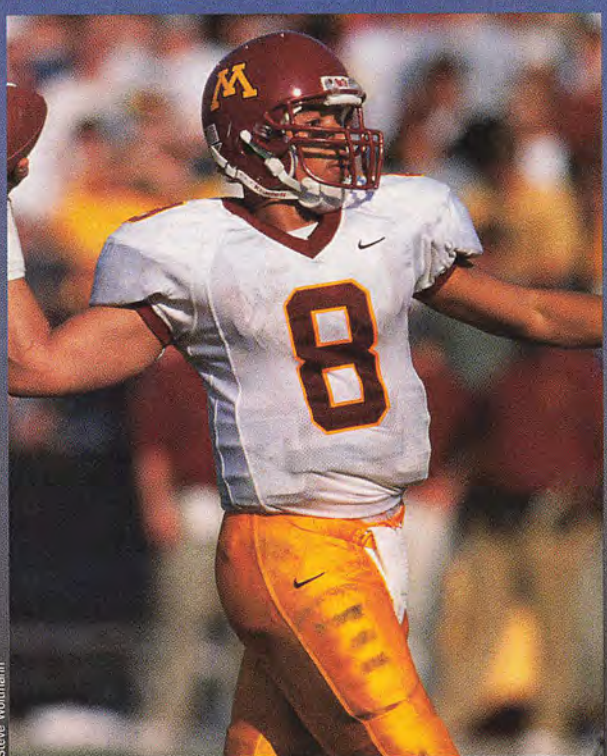


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BIG TEN

There may be another quarterback controversy in Ann Arbor, but that will not keep the Michigan Wolverines from challenging for the Big Ten title. With a revamped offense under new coordinator Terry Malone, and a young but talented line, the Wolverines may struggle at times offensively, but their defense could be the best in the league.

John Navarre, the starter last season at quarterback, has been competing since the spring with Spencer Brinton, a strong-armed lefthander who transferred to Michigan from San Diego State after a two-year LDS Church mission. The Wolverines' front four on defense is a veteran group led by Dan Rumishek and the secondary is experienced and deep. "The best I can remember," says Michigan coach Lloyd Carr of his depth in the defensive backfield.

The Wolverines have tough games at Notre Dame and Ohio State, but an improved Penn State and very athletic Michigan State will play at Michigan Stadium.

Ohio State coach Jim Tressel accomplished a major feat in his first season by beating Michigan on the road last November. What's next? A Big Ten title? The Buckeyes have a favorable 13-game schedule that features the first three games at Ohio Stadium. The Big Ten slate includes games at home against Penn State and Michigan.

Wisconsin should be an offensive threat in the Big Ten this year with standout running back Anthony Davis, but with the status of junior receiver Lee Evans uncertain, it is anyone's guess whether the Badgers can fulfill their promise. Evans suffered damage to the anterior cruciate ligament of his left knee during spring practice. The Badgers have a young, inexperienced defense, but they are bigger this year and expectations are high.

Do not underestimate Bobby Williams' Michigan State Spartans. If any team in the country is blessed with a fabulous schedule, it is the Spartans. Seven of their first eight games are at Spartan Stadium, including the first five. It is quite possible they could be 8–0 before traveling to Ann Arbor for the annual grudge match against Michigan.



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OFFENSE

QB	Jeff Smoker	6'3"	212	Jr.	Michigan State
RB	Anthony Davis	5'8"	183	So.	Wisconsin
RB	Marion Barber III	5'11"	195	So.	Minnesota
WR	Brandon Lloyd	6'2"	180	Jr.	Illinois
WR	Charles Rogers	6'4"	200	Jr.	Michigan State
TE	Ben Utecht	6'6"	242	Jr.	Minnesota
OL	Tony Pashos	6'6"	320	Sr.	Illinois
OL	Tony Pape	6'6"	299	Jr.	Michigan
OL	Eric Steinbach	6'7"	284	Sr.	Iowa
OL	Enoch DeMar	6'5"	315	Sr.	Indiana
OL	Ben Johnson	6'7"	321	Sr.	Wisconsin

DEFENSE

DL	Dan Rumishek	6'4"	277	Sr.	Michigan
DL	Jimmy Kennedy	6'5"	330	Sr.	Penn State
DL	Tim Anderson	6'4"	289	Jr.	Ohio State
DL	Colin Cole	6'2"	300	Sr.	Iowa
LB	Victor Hobson	6'1"	244	Sr.	Michigan
LB	Jerry Schumacher	6'3"	235	Sr.	Illinois
LB	Matt Wilhelm	6'4"	245	Sr.	Ohio State
DB	Mike Doss	5'11"	204	Sr.	Ohio State
DB	Stuart Schweigert	6'3"	208	Jr.	Purdue
PR	Eugene Wilson	5'11"	185	Sr.	Illinois
DB	Bob Sanders	5'8"	194	Jr.	Iowa

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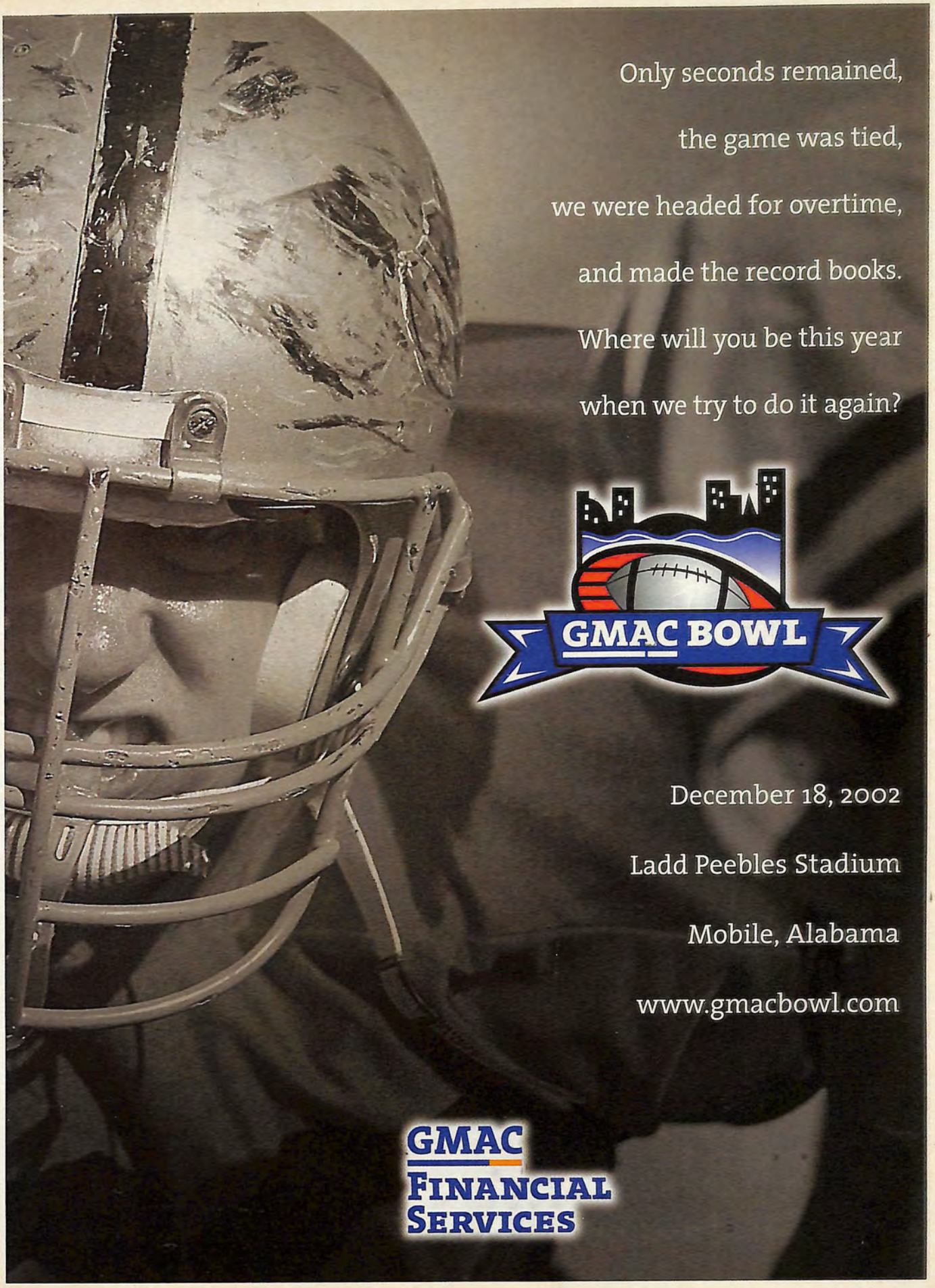
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KR	Larry Johnson	6'2"	222	Sr.	Penn State
PR	Eugene Wilson	5'11"	185	Sr.	Illinois

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ILLINOIS

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Illinois coach Ron Turner has a lot on his mind, but one thought stands out above all others: Who will be his quarterback in 2002? Not since 1999 has Turner had this problem. Kurt Kittner guided the team to two bowl games in three years, but he's gone, leaving Turner with a couple of young and inexperienced options.

"Where do we go from here with Kurt gone?" Turner says. "We're going to move on. The quarterbacks we have are excited about their opportunity. They're looking forward to showing that they can play, and between those three, we're very confident we'll be good at that position."

But will the Illini be in the same position they were at the end of last season? Will they again break all sorts of offensive team records? Don't bet on it. With the team's leader gone it's difficult to expect another 10-win season, Big Ten title and BCS bowl game.

quarterbacks

The two players looking to replace Kittner are last year's No. 2 Dustin Ward and Iowa transfer Jon Beutjer. Ward has served as Kittner's relief the last two seasons and will benefit from his increased understanding of Turner's sophisticated pro-style offense. Ward completed 20-of-37 passes for 246 yards in his only career start, a 61–23 loss to Northwestern in 2000.

Beutjer enters the equation with more game experience, but not in the Illinois system. The junior was a four-game starter at Iowa in 2000, completing 61.6 percent of his passes during that time.

Mark Kornfeld, a third-year sophomore who has yet to throw a pass in his two years on campus, is third on the depth chart.

running backs

For the last three seasons, Illinois has split the running back position between the nimble Rocky Harvey and the burly Antoineo Harris. This season, with Harvey gone, Harris will try his hand as the primary back. The powerful 221-pound runner led the team in rushing last year with 626 yards despite missing two games with a broken hand. He contributed six touchdowns, including three in the season opener against California.

Adding depth will be sophomore Ryan Clifford and redshirt freshman Morris Virgil. Clifford is a transfer from Eastern Michigan.

receivers



A very talented, experienced group of receivers returns for the Illini, including starters Brandon Lloyd and Walter Young and top reserves Greg Lewis and Aaron Moorehead.

In 2001, Lloyd led the group with 1,006 yards receiving, making him only the third Illinois receiver to top the 1,000-yard mark in a single season. He hauled in 60 passes and eight touchdowns. Young emerged as a deep threat during the last three games of the season, posting 100-plus yards in each contest. Moorehead and Lewis have also been dependable, consistent backups who allow little drop-off when they get on the field.

At tight end the Illini will have to replace four-year letterwinner and two-year starter Brian Hodges. Looking to jump into that role will be sophomore Anthony McClellan and junior Kenny Boyle.

offensive linemen

The Illinois offensive line has improved and grown each season under Turner. This year's group, which features three returning starters, should



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Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to Challenging for the Big Ten Title

Illinois rode the right arm of senior quarterback Kurt Kittner to its first Big Ten title since 1983. The Illini recovered from an early season loss at Michigan and closed the regular season with seven straight wins. Has Ron Turner created a perennial Big Ten power or will the Illini slip back to the middle of the pack? That all depends on the play of the new quarterback — either Dustin Ward or Jon Beutjer. With so much talent returning at wide receiver, running back and on the offensive line, the QB doesn't have to put up Kurt Kittner-like numbers for this club to succeed. The defense, led by the linebacking corps and cornerbacks Eugene Wilson and Christian Morton, should be solid once again. The schedule, however, is not kind; the Illini are forced to play the three top teams in the league — Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio State.

2002 Schedule

A. 31	Missouri@	W
S. 7	**at Southern Miss**	*
S. 14	Arkansas State	W
S. 21	San Jose State	W
S. 28	Michigan	L
O . 5	at Minnesota	W
O. 12	Purdue	W
O. 26	Indiana	W
N. 2	**at Penn State**	*
N. 9	at Wisconsin	L
N. 16	Ohio State	L
N. 23	at Northwestern	W

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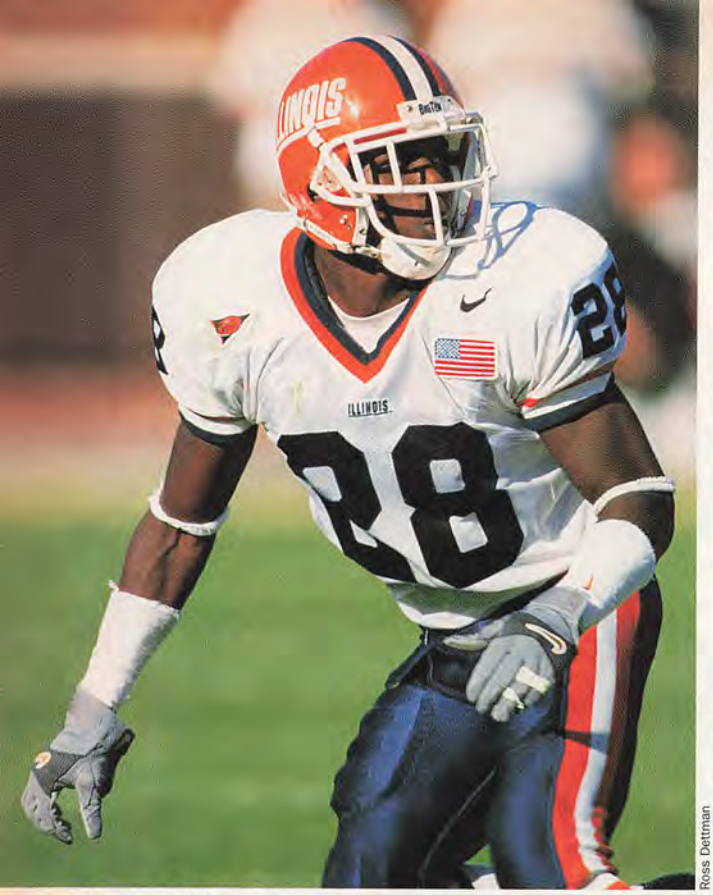
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Brandon Lloyd: 60 catches, 1,006 yards, 8 TDs

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continue that trend. Last season, the line allowed only 16 sacks in 12 games, which ranked second in the conference and among the Top 10 in the nation.

Tony Pashos, the returning right tackle, was a first-team all-conference pick last season and will anchor this group. He has started 35 consecutive games and could become the all-time start leader with 11 this season. The other two returning starters are left tackle Sean Bubin and sophomore right guard Patrick Babcock.

2 Illinois sold out two games — Wisconsin and Penn State — for the first time since 1994. The Illini won both games en route to a 6–0 home record.

Looking to fill the spaces left by the departure of All-Big Ten performers Luke Butkus and Jay Kulaga will be sophomore Duke Preston and senior James Brown at center, and senior Dave Diehl at left guard.

defensive linemen

Much of Illinois' defensive success in 2001 resulted from its depth on the line; the Illini often used 10 or 11 players in each game. Illinois improved its rush defense by 85 yards per game and recorded a school-record 40 sacks.

Senior tackle Brett Kautter and junior end Mike O'Brien are the two starters returning up front. The two starters being replaced, Brandon Moore and Terrell Washington, combined for 91 tackles, nine sacks and 18 quarterback hurries. Derrick Strong and Jemari Perry will be competing for the open end position, while Jeff Ruffin and Jamie Hanton are battling to start at tackle.

linebackers

The linebacking crew remains intact with starters Jerry Schumacher, Ty Myers and Joe Bevis returning. Schumacher, a starter the past two years, is the seasoned veteran of the group. He moved from the outside to middle linebacker last season and led the team in tackles with 115 and earned second-team All-Big Ten honors. Myers secured the Illini's win at Ohio State with two interceptions in the final five minutes. Bevis, the final returning starter, recorded 69 tackles in 2001. He will be challenged for playing time by sophomore Matt Sinclair.

defensive backs

Illinois heads into spring drills with one of the strongest cornerback units in the country. During the 2001 season, All-American Eugene Wilson led the nation with 30 passes broken up and fellow starter Christian Morton had the nation's second-highest total with 26. The two corners thrived in the Illini's aggressive defensive schemes, combining for 121 tackles and 10 interceptions. Wilson led the way with six picks and had a sack in Illinois' win over Purdue. Morton intercepted four passes and returned two for touchdowns against ranked teams.

The Illini boast a very talented third corner in senior Michael Hall, a former junior college transfer who recorded 16 tackles as a nickel back in 2001.

At safety the outlook is not as promising due to the loss of seniors Bobby Jackson and Muhammad Abdullah. Juniors Jamaal Clark and Marc Jackson — Bobby's younger brother — and sophomores Kevin Anderson and Taman Jordan will be in the mix during preseason camp for the two safety spots. Jackson was competing for the starting free safety job last fall before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury.

specialists

Illinois lost record-setting punter Steve Fitts to graduation. Sophomore Matt Minnes and redshirt freshman Steve Weatherford will battle for the position.

The Illini used three kickers during the course of the 2001 season. JJ Tubbs connected on 5-of-8 field goal attempts in the first three games but was sidelined with back problems. Junior Peter Christofilakos took over and hit 12-of-13 from inside 40 yards and all 25 extra-point attempts. Junior college transfer John Gockman was the long-range kicker. All three will compete for the starting job.

RISING STAR

Walter Young came to Illinois as a quarterback but is finding his niche at wide receiver. Young caught 20 passes for 434 yards in his final three games last year. He's 6'5" and can catch passes over the league's biggest and best defensive backs.

Outside the Huddle

New turf For the first time last season, Illinois played its home games on AstroPlay, a new form of turf that's been in use at Nebraska and Washington, among other schools. Illinois also practices on the same surface in its one-year old indoor practice facility.

Offensive success Illinois has set a school record for points in a season two times in the past three years. The 1999 Illini averaged 32.3 points per game but were topped by the 2001 club, which averaged 32.5 points.

Turner-round In Ron Turner's first two years at Illinois, the team was a combined 3–19. Since 1999 his teams have gone 23–12 with two bowl appearances.

Honors Turner was a unanimous choice as the 2001 Big Ten Coach of the Year. He was also a finalist for two national honors, the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year and the Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year.

Welcome aboard There are four transfers on the squad this season, the most in recent memory. And all four figure to play a role this season, including quarterback Jon Beutjer, who began his college career at the University of Iowa.

Extension Turner had his contract extended for the second consecutive year at the end of the 2001 season. The new deal keeps him in Champaign through the 2006 season. He stands to make $900,000 per season, plus a $1 million bonus if he stays all five seasons.

2002 Illinois Roster

2001 Record: 10–2
Big Ten Record: 7–1
Head Coach Ron Turner

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
97	Adams, Kyle	K	6'2"	220	Fr.	Naperville, IL
4	Adeyemo, Ade	WR	6'0"	195	So.	Chicago, IL
14	Agyeman, Nana	CB	6'2"	200	Jr.	Itasca, IL
16	Anderson, Kevin	S	6'2"	200	So.	Belleville, IL
70	Babcock, Patrick	OL	6'4"	290	So.	Stillman Valley, IL
7	Beutjer, Jon	QB	6'5"	205	Jr.	Wheaton, IL
33	Bevis, Joe	LB	6'0"	225	Jr.	Edwardsville, IL
89	Boyle, Kenny	TE	6'3"	245	Jr.	Chatham, IL
87	Boyter, Brett	TE	6'4"	245	Jr.	Joliet, IL
21	Brosnan, Brian	S	6'1"	200	Fr.	Chicago, IL
68	Brown, James	OL	6'3"	290	Sr.	Pleasant Lake, IN
73	Bubin, Sean	OL	6'7"	300	Jr.	Rantoul, IL
22	Christofilakos, Peter	K	5'9"	170	Jr.	Springfield, IL
9	Clark, Jamaal	DB	6'2"	190	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
29	Clifford, Ryan	RB	5'10"	190	So.	Naperville, IL
76	Collins, Clark	OL	6'3"	280	So.	Evanston, IL
25	Cooper, James	DB	5'10"	185	Fr.	South Holland, IL
30	Davenport, Sedrick	DB	6'0"	185	So.	Bolingbrook, IL
24	Davis, Carey	FB	6'0"	215	Jr.	Florissant, MO
64	Diehl, David	OL	6'6"	300	Sr.	Oak Lawn, IL
32	Flisakowski, Cory	FB	6'1"	215	So.	Stevens Point, WI
45	Gawelek, Mike	LB	6'2"	235	So.	Chillicothe, OH
91	Gilstrap, Charles	DT	6'3"	290	Jr.	Columbus, OH
13	Gockman, John	K	5'10"	165	Jr.	Coal City, IL
83	Gomez, Mike	LS	6'5"	230	Jr.	Miami, FL
47	Goranson, Jim	LB	6'3"	240	Fr.	Elk Grove, IL
8	Hall, Michael	DB	5'10"	175	Sr.	Tehachapi, CA
92	Hanton, Jamie	DT	6'4"	280	Sr.	Corona, CA
31	Harris, Antoineo	HB	6'1"	221	Sr.	Bolingbrook, IL
49	Haywood, Brad	FB	6'1"	230	Jr.	Mt. Carmel, IL
60	Hodges, Aaron	OL	6'3"	290	Jr.	Country Club Hills, IL
63	Hilderbrand, Dave	OL	6'3"	285	So.	Naperville, IL
48	Holden, Lamont	LB	6'3"	250	So.	Buffalo Grove, IL
52	Hood, Estus	LB	6'4"	235	So.	Carbondale, IL
37	Imeokparia, Mike	DB	5'10"	165	Jr.	Springfield, IL
38	Jack, Chris	DB	5'10"	195	So.	Chicago, IL
1	Jackson, Marc	S	6'1"	205	Jr.	Corvallis, OR
26	Jones, Abe	RB	5'11"	170	Fr.	Rolling Meadows, IL
84	Jones, Kendrick	WR	6'1"	180	Fr.	East St. Louis, IL
34	Jordan, Taman	DB	5'11"	195	So.	Tempe, AZ
55	Kautter, Brett	DT	6'2"	278	Sr.	Harrisburg, PA
35	Kleckner, Kyle	DB	6'0"	190	Fr.	Downers Grove, IL
71	Koch, Bryan	OL	6'3"	270	So.	Wentzville, MO
19	Kornfeld, Mark	QB	6'1"	195	So.	St. Louis, MO
39	Lattimore, Carlos	FB	6'1"	215	Sr.	Peoria, IL
17	Lewis, Greg	WR	6'0"	180	Sr.	Matteson, IL
6	Lloyd, Brandon	WR	6'2"	180	Jr.	Blue Springs, MO
74	Maloney, Mike	DE	6'3"	277	So.	Joliet, IL
46	Mason, Antonio	LB	6'0"	240	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
97	Matha, Ryan	DT	6'1"	275	Fr.	Dixon, IL
81	McClellan, Anthony	TE	6'3"	243	So.	O'Fallon, IL
3	McGoey, Eric	WR	6'3"	200	Jr.	Wheaton, IL
38	Minnes, Matt	P	6'2"	200	So.	Urbana, IL
86	Moorehead, Aaron	WR	6'3"	200	Sr.	Deerfield, IL
5	Morton, Christian	CB	6'1"	180	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
36	Mullen, Clayton	FB	6'1"	230	Jr.	Mattoon, IL
27	Myers, Ty	LB	6'4"	235	Jr.	Springfield, OH
69	Needham, Rob	OL	6'5"	290	Fr.	Arlington Hghts., IL
40	Norman, T.W.	LB	6'3"	230	Fr.	Stockton, MO
93	O'Brien, Mike	DE	6'6"	245	Jr.	Oak Lawn, IL
79	Pashos, Tony	T	6'6"	320	Sr.	Lockport, IL
94	Perry, Jemari	DE	6'4"	245	Jr.	Maywood, IL
75	Preston, Duke	OL	6'5"	295	So.	San Diego, CA
12	Rinklin, Matt	QB	6'2"	200	Fr.	New York, NY
58	Ruffin, Jeff	DT	6'4"	290	Jr.	Aurora, IL
66	Schaefering, Brian	DE	6'5"	260	So.	St. Louis, MO
72	Schnettgoecke, Kyle	OL	6'3"	275	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
42	Schumacher, Jerry	LB	6'3"	235	Sr.	Chicago, IL
41	Sicinski, Lee	LB	6'1"	225	So.	Joliet, IL
44	Sinclair, Matt	LB	6'3"	230	So.	St. Louis, MO
98	Strong, Derrick	DE	6'4"	250	Jr.	Chicago, IL
54	Taylor, Winston	LB	6'0"	240	Jr.	Decatur, IL
12	Tubbs, JJ	K	5'9"	165	Jr.	Rock Island, IL
20	Virgil, Morris	RB	5'10"	195	Fr.	Urbana, IL
11	Ward, Dustin	QB	6'3"	205	Jr.	Champaign, IL
37	Weatherford, Steve	K	6'4"	215	Fr.	Terre Haute, IN
28	Wilson, Eugene	CB	5'11"	185	Sr.	Merrillville, IN
48	Young, John	TE	6'3"	220	Fr.	Peoria, IL
18	Young, Walter	WR	6'5"	220	Sr.	Park Forest, IL
16	Zeches, Brian	QB	6'1"	205	Fr.	Pullman, WA

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	18	**Walter Young (Sr.)**	86	Aaron Moorehead (Sr.)
LT	73	**Sean Bubin (Jr.)**	72	Kyle Schnettgoecke (Fr.)
LG	64	David Diehl (Sr.)	71	Bryan Koch (So.)
C	75	Duke Preston (So.)	68	James Brown (Sr.)
RG	70	**Patrick Babcock (So.)**	60	Aaron Hodges (Jr.)
RT	79	**Tony Pashos (Sr.)**	76	Clark Collins (So.)
TE	81	Anthony McClellan (So.)	89	Kenny Boyle (Jr.)
QB	11	Dustin Ward (Jr.)	7	Jon Beutjer (Jr.)
RB	31	**Antoineo Harris (Sr.)**	20	Morris Virgil (Fr.)
FB	24	**Carey Davis (Jr.)**	49	Brad Haywood (Jr.)
FL	6	**Brandon Lloyd (Jr.)**	17	Greg Lewis (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DE	98	Derrick Strong (Jr.)	94	Jemari Perry (Jr.)
DT	55	**Brett Kautter (Sr.)**	91	Charles Gilstrap (Jr.)
DT	58	Jeff Ruffin (Jr.)	92	Jamie Hanton (Sr.)
DE	93	**Mike O'Brien (Jr.)**	66	Brian Schaefering (So.)
LB	33	**Joe Bevis (Jr.)**	44	Matt Sinclair (So.)
LB	42	**Jerry Schumacher (Sr.)**	45	Mike Gawelek (So.)
LB	27	**Ty Myers (Jr.)**	52	Estus Hood (So.)
CB	28	**Eugene Wilson (Sr.)**	14	Nana Agyeman (Jr.)
CB	5	**Christian Morton (Jr.)**	8	Michael Hall (Sr.)
FS	9	Jamaal Clark (Jr.)	1	Marc Jackson (Jr.)
SS	34	Taman Jordan (So.)	16	Kevin Anderson (So.)

Special Teams

K	22	Peter Christofilakos (Jr.)
P	37	Steve Weatherford (Fr.)
KR	17	Greg Lewis (Sr.)
PR	28	Eugene Wilson (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Dustin Ward, 4-8-31-1, 1 TD
Rushing: Antoineo Harris, 167 car., 626 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Brandon Lloyd, 60 rec., 1,006 yds., 8 TDs
Scoring: Peter Christofilakos, 12 FGs, 25 XPs, 61 pts.
Punting: none
Kicking: Peter Christofilakos, 12-13 FGs, 25-25 XPs, 61 points
Tackles: Jerry Schumacher, 115, 85 solo
Tackles for loss: Jerry Schumacher, 17 for 45 yds.
Sacks: Jerry Schumacher, 6 for 23 yds.
Interceptions: Eugene Wilson, 6 for 29 yds.
Kickoff returns: Eugene Wilson, 12 ret., 19.6 avg.
Punt returns: Eugene Wilson, 25 ret., 10.0 avg.

2001 Results

S. 1	at California	W	44–17
S. 8	Northern Illinois	W	17–12
S. 22	Louisville	W	34–10
S. 29	at Michigan	L	20–45
O. 6	Minnesota	W	25–14
O. 13	at Indiana	W	35–14
O. 20	Wisconsin	W	42–35
N. 3	at Purdue	W	38–13
N. 10	Penn State	W	33–28
N. 17	at Ohio State	W	34–22
N. 22	Northwestern	W	34–28
J. 1	LSU#	L	34–47

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2002 Signees

Melvin Bryant TE 6'5" 220 Munice, IN
Ranked No. 10 TE in the nation by *SuperPrep*. Caught 49 passes for 779 yards and six TDs as a senior.

Andrew Burk DL 6'6" 270 Newburgh, IN
All-time leading tackler at Castle HS. *SuperPrep* All-Midwest with 111 tackles and 11 sacks as a senior.

Jason Davis FB 5'11" 190 St. Louis, MO
Played four positions in during prep career. School's all-time leader in receptions and receiving yards. Recruited to play fullback.

Cyrus Garrett LB 6'3" 215 Bolingbrook, IL
PrepStar All-American and *SuperPrep* All-Midwest. Had 18 sacks and 89 tackles as a senior.

Mike Gomez LS 6'6" 240 Miami, FL
Earned two letters as long snapper and tight end at College of the Canyons (CA). A first-team all-conference selection.

Zach Gray DL 6'3" 250 Gilman, IL
Honorable Mention All-America selection by *PrepStar*. Totaled 452 tackles in prep career. First player from Iroquois West to earn Division I scholarship.

Ibrahim Halsey RB 5'11" 190 Elizabeth, NJ
Gatorade Player of the Year in New Jersey. No. 1 running back in the East Region according to *PrepStar*. Rushed for 1,303 yards and 15 TDs as a senior.

Steve Harris DB 6'0" 180 Rockford, IL
Played RB, QB, and DB as a prep player. Made 62 tackles, seven INTs, and rushed for 970 yards.

Anthony Longe DB 5'11" 170 St. Paul, MN
Earned first-team all-state honors from *The Associated Press* and *St. Paul Pioneer Press*.

Matt Maddox OL 6'4" 286 Manasquan, NJ
Eastern Recruiting Magazine All-American. Led HS offense that averaged 308 total yards per game.

James McGill S 6'2" 210 Bakersfield, CA
Named Junior College Football Coaches Association's Defensive Player of the Year at Bakersfield (CA) CC.

Scott Moss DL 6'3" 250 Minooka, IL
PrepStar All-American who recorded over 60 solo tackles as a senior. Also played FB, amassing 2,300 career rushing yards.

Franklin Payne WR 6'0" 185 Jackson, TN
Named a Top 60 WR by *Rivals100.com*. Ended career at University School with 6,847 all-purpose yards.

Chris Pazan QB 6'2" 190 Chicago, IL
Named to the *Chicago Tribune* and *Sun Times* All-State team. Passed for 1,880 yards, 21 TDs, and only one INT as a senior.

Darnell Ray CB 6'1" 170 St. Louis, MO
Named Suburban North Conference MVP. Led Hazelwood East to 13–1 record.

Lee Robinson DE 6'5" 260 Naperville, IL
Ranked No. 63 JC prospect in the country by *Juniorcollege.com*. Played at College of DuPage (IL).

JJ Simmons OL 6'6" 260 Mishawak, IN
Earned first-team all-state honors by the *AP*. Recorded 58 pancake blocks as a senior.

Josh Tischer LB 6'1" 215 Morris, IL
Champaign News-Gazette first-team All-State. Recorded over 300 tackles in final two seasons.

Mike Trepina TE 6'3" 250 Darien, IL
Earned Suburban Gold Conference Player of the Year honors. Helped Hinsdale South to an 11–1 record with 72 tackles.

Bryan Truttling DL 6'4" 280 East Chicago, IN
Recorded eight tackles for a loss and four sacks as a senior. Earned all-area honors.

Travis Williams DB 6'1" 170 Alton, IL
Earned all-state honors by the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association. Set a school record with 2,722 career rushing yards.

Mike Zande OL 6'5" 270 Park Ridge, IL
As a senior played guard, tackle, and tight end. Named to the *Tribune* and *Sun Times* All-State team.

Big Ten Prediction: 11th
National Forecast: #85

Most Big Ten teams spend the off-season reloading or rebuilding, but in Bloomington, the squad is simply under construction. The Hoosiers brought in Gerry DiNardo as the new foreman, and his plan is to start on the ground floor by restoring IU's ability to recruit in-state.

"Our mission statement is that we're the state institution, and with that comes an obligation to service (the state high schools)," DiNardo says. "This isn't just about recruiting, but obviously we're going to recruit the best players in the state."

DiNardo is known for being a relentless recruiter, and he needs to be, as the previous staff didn't leave much talent to work with. The Hoosiers will face 2002 with new starters at nearly every key position, and DiNardo's first season has all the makings of a long one.

quarterbacks

Indiana lost its heart and soul when Antwaan Randle El graduated. He was at the helm of the Hoosier offense for nearly every snap of the last four years. The two frontrunners for the job are seniors Tommy Jones and Gibran Hamdan. Jones has started just one game, despite being hailed as IU's quarterback of the future, but that's one more start than Hamdan.

"We all know that we don't have a lot of experience there," DiNardo says. "But I'd rather have a lack of experience with maturity than a lack of experience and immaturity."

Both are drop-back passers with decent elusiveness, although neither can be expected to burn opponents with their legs. Their arms, however, are a different story.

Jones is the better touch-passer of the two and makes good decisions on the field. Hamdan can go deep more readily. A decision probably won't come until the final weeks of training camp, but if Jones is healthy he'll lead IU onto the field.

running backs

Indiana's most stable area by a long shot is the offensive backfield. Fullback Jeremi Johnson is among the Big Ten's best with his huge frame, nifty feet and ability to catch passes out of the backfield. He paved the road for one of the country's top ground games a year ago, but also proved he can go the distance himself, scoring eight times.

Tailback Brian Lewis gets the luxury of running behind Johnson in his first year as the Hoosiers' starter. No one has ever doubted Lewis' ability, but he's been slowed by injuries throughout his career. Lewis is healthy now and adds big-play ability to IU's backfield.

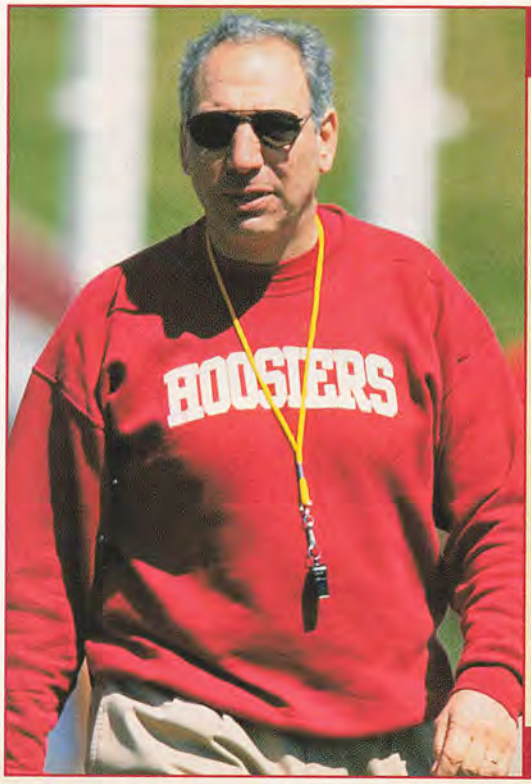
If Lewis does get banged up, Indiana can turn to redshirt freshman Yamar Washington, who's been impressive with his hard-charging style and quickness.

receivers

DiNardo's version of the West Coast offense features the tight end, and it's a good thing that it does. The Hoosiers have a pair of talented pass catchers in tight ends Aaron Halterman and Stephen Anthony. Halterman should be the starter and has the softest hands on the team. Anthony will join him in two-tight end sets and is coming along quickly after spending most of his first three years on defense.

Indiana does get its top wide receiver back in Glenn Johnson, but he caught only 21 passes 2001. Johnson's seven starts were tops on the team as the split end position was a revolving door.

Sophomores Travis Haney and Courtney Roby both saw time in the starting lineup. Roby should have the edge with his leaping ability and knack



Joe Robbins

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to Avoiding the Basement

The question marks are many in Bloomington this fall. New coach Gerry DiNardo opened competition at every position, and there will be plenty of new faces when IU takes the field against William & Mary. There's enough talent on offense to put up solid numbers if the Hoosiers can get consistent efforts at wide receiver and quarterback Tommy Jones' shoulder heals completely. However, the defense is a different story. Only two full-time starters, strong safety Joe Gonzalez and defensive end Derek Barnett, are back to stop the opposition, and that could be trouble. The Hoosiers can run, but they are small and will struggle to stop teams that pound the ball straight ahead. Even with league-favorite Michigan absent from the schedule, if IU approaches a .500 record, DiNardo deserves serious consideration for National Coach of the Year.

2002 Schedule

A. 31	William & Mary	W
S. 7	at Utah	L
S. 14	**at Kentucky**	*
S. 21	Central Michigan	W
S. 28	at Ohio State	L
O. 12	Wisconsin	L
O. 19	Iowa	L
O. 26	at Illinois	L
N. 2	**at Northwestern**	*
N. 9	Michigan State	L
N. 16	Penn State	L
N. 23	at Purdue	L

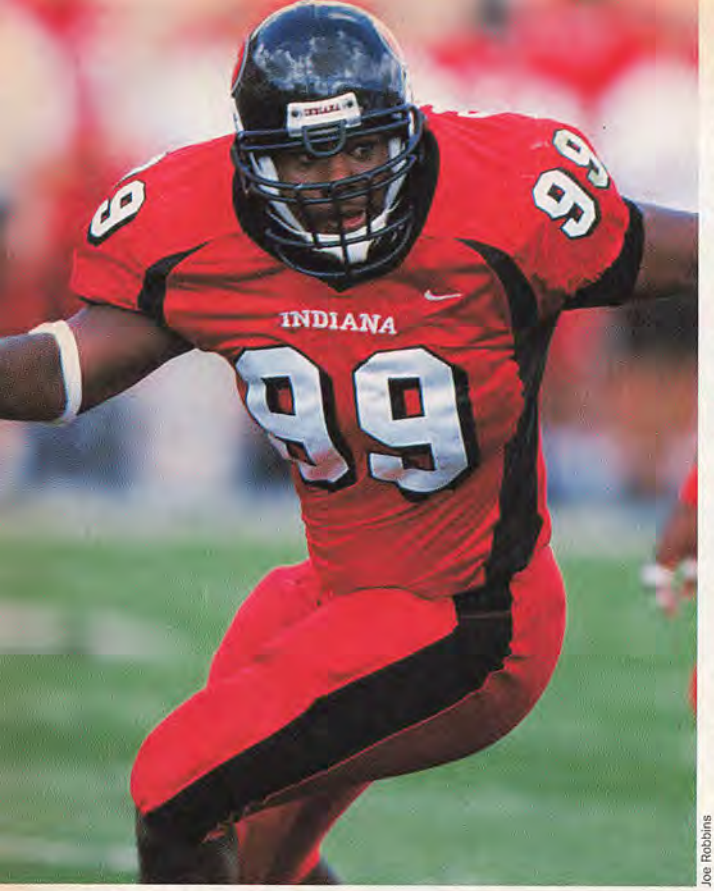
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Derek Barnett

of coming down with the ball in traffic. However, there is no guarantee that either will hold the full-time job come September, especially with newcomer Tyke Spencer on board. Spencer has the physical tools to be an immediate contributor.

offensive linemen

The strength of the Hoosier offense was supposed to be in the trenches. Indiana returned four starters from a strong unit in 2001, but they're finding out that DiNardo's expectations are considerably higher.

115 Indiana will have 115 years of collegiate coaching experience on the sideline. Gerry DiNardo has assembled a battle-tested staff with a winning track record.

"Our biggest issue right now is we don't have a sense of strength and conditioning," DiNardo says. "We are not Big Ten-strong, and we are not Big Ten-conditioned, by any means. There's no sense putting a play in if you can't run it in the fourth quarter."

A lack of conditioning and the change to a more physical blocking scheme led to multiple changes throughout the spring. However, Indiana still has the horses to be successful up front. Guards Enoch DeMar and Anthony Oakley and tackles A.C. Myler and Bobby Brandt started every game in 2001 and helped pace the Big Ten's best rushing attack. That quartet will likely be joined by center Chris Jahnke to form an immense offensive line capable of providing plenty of protection and holes to run through.

defensive linemen

Defensive coordinator Tim Kish has assembled some outstanding defensive units, and he believes success starts on the line.

"We have to control the line of scrimmage," Kish says. "When you do that you win a high percentage of ball games so I'm very sensitive to the guys up front."

Defensive tackles Colin Christopher and Kris Dielman consistently collapsed the pocket in practices and appear worthy of forcing double-teams. That should open up defensive ends Jodie Clemons, Derek Barnett and Victor Adeyanju to pressure the passer.

Clemons can get around the corner quickly and disrupt opposing backfields, while Barnett and Adeyanju are capable of similar feats if turned loose.

linebackers

Opposing teams are salivating about the opportunity to run the ball at Indiana's undersized linebacking corps. The Hoosiers must limit the number of times opponents are able to isolate linemen on their linebackers or IU will struggle against physical teams.

Fortunately, the recent trend toward spread offenses favors the type of talent Indiana possesses. Herana-Daze Jones, Deonte Smith and Kevin Smith can cover tight ends and running backs all over the field, but aren't going to overpower blockers. Inside linebacker Martin Lapostolle excels in short-yardage situations. He does, however, represent the only proven depth at linebacker, so serious injuries would be devastating.

RISING STAR

Sophomore tight end **Aaron Halterman** only caught 10 passes in 2001, but he's capable of putting up big numbers. Indiana's offense last year called on its tight ends to block almost exclusively, but that's no longer the case. Gerry DiNardo wants his quarterback to look for the tight end, and Halterman could rapidly become one of the Big Ten's finest.

defensive backs

The Hoosier secondary received an overhaul with DiNardo's arrival. Strong safety Joe Gonzalez is the only fixture, but his new comrades give Indiana more pure talent than it's had defending the pass recently.

Gonzalez teams with free safety A.C. Carter in the middle. Carter started five games last season and can cover teams' slot receivers. Cornerbacks Antonio Watson and Damien Jones are solid in man-to-man coverage and give Indiana playmakers on the perimeter. Jones will match up with an opponent's deep threat, while Watson, who has experience at safety, is solid in run support.

specialists

Indiana excelled in punt and kick coverage in 2001, but converted only 22 percent of its field goal attempts and averaged just over 30 yards per punt.

Strong-legged Bryan Robertson hopes to reverse those fortunes in his second season and is capable of handling all kicking duties. However, Ryan Hamre and new arrival Tyson Beattie will get a long look at punter.

Outside the Huddle

Shape up or ship out "If they don't come back in shape, we won't practice football. It will be a cross country camp until they're in shape. Because we'll wilt in the fourth quarter anyway." — Gerry DiNardo on the physical fitness of his team.

All in the family Assistant coaches Brian McNeely and Curt Mallory both sport familiar names. McNeely is the brother of athletic director Michael McNeely, and Mallory is the son of IU's winningest head football coach, Bill Mallory.

Running on empty Indiana was outscored 159–106 in the second half last season, and the Hoosiers watched their average gain drop from 9.2 yards in the first quarter to 4.8 after intermission.

Where did everybody go? Indiana scored 44 touchdowns a year ago, but returning players accounted for only 15 of those scores.

Fun and games "Kids want to go where they can have fun playing football. Whether you're a running back or a center it won't make any difference because it's a balanced offense and everyone gets a chance." — Assistant head coach Brian McNeely on recruiting players for IU's offense.

Kicking and screaming The Hoosiers converted just two of their nine field goal attempts in 2001 with the season's longest kick coming from 31 yards.

2002 Indiana Roster

2001 Record: 5–6
Big Ten Record: 4–4
Head Coach Gerry DiNardo

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
94	Adeyanju, Victor	DE	6'5"	241	Fr.	Chicago, IL
85	Anthony, Stephen	TE	6'4"	280	Sr.	Bowling Green, KY
99	Barnett, Derek	DE	6'4"	257	Sr.	Evansville, IN
96	Beaty, Chris	DE	6'2"	269	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
90	Belcher, Jeremy	DT	6'3"	262	Sr.	Martinsville, IN
15	Bethel, Ron	FS	6'4"	203	Sr.	Louisville, KY
46	Bouchard, Rob	FB	6'1"	248	Sr.	Bloomfield Hills, MI
71	Brandt, Bobby	T	6'8"	322	Sr.	Lancaster, PA
28	Braucher, Adam	K	5'8"	179	Jr.	Punta Gorda, FL
26	Bryant, Leonard	CB	5'10"	167	Fr.	Immokalee, FL
86	Buchholz, Matt	TE	6'4"	265	Jr.	San Bernadino, CA
22	Calvert, Matt	CB	6'1"	192	Jr.	Evansville, IN
23	Carter, A.C.	FS	5'9"	195	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
49	Cartwright, Jason	LB	6'1"	213	So.	Huffman, IL
13	Cate, Randy	SLB	6'0"	224	So.	Richmond, IN
50	Christopher, Colin	DT	6'3"	305	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI
56	Clemons, Jodie	DE	6'4"	266	So.	Lansing, MI
20	Clency, Courtney	RB	5'11"	181	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
70	DeMar, Enoch	T	6'5"	315	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
88	Dean, Luke	WR	6'1"	186	Fr.	Salem, IN
83	Dielman, Kris	DT	6'5"	284	Sr.	Troy, OH
30	Donnelly, Mike	QB	6'5"	193	Fr.	New Britain, CT
37	Foss, Matt	WR	5'11"	185	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
59	Fowler, Herman	DE	6'3"	266	Sr.	Kokomo, IN
67	Frink, Jamil	DT	6'5"	275	Sr.	Bloomington, IN
68	Fryar, Jason	T	6'10"	340	So.	Whiteland, IN
10	Gaudin, Brett	K	6'1"	185	Jr.	Evansville, IN
25	Gonzalez, Joe	SS	6'1"	204	Sr.	Avon Lake, OH
55	Gorman, Jamarkus	G	6'5"	305	Sr.	Ft. Wayne, IN
87	Halterman, Aaron	TE	6'6"	257	So.	Greenwood, IN
17	Hamdan, Gibran	QB	6'6"	240	Sr.	N. Potomac, MD
38	Hamre, Ryan	P	6'3"	214	Jr.	Orlando, FL
80	Haney, Travis	WR	6'5"	196	So.	Orange Park, FL
73	Hatcher, Brandon	DT	6'3"	280	Fr.	Detroit, MI
40	Henderson, Ty	DB	6'0"	185	Fr.	Sweetser, IN
72	Jahnke, Chris	C	6'6"	305	So.	Louisville, KY
9	Johnson, Glenn	WR	6'0"	196	Jr.	Clewiston, FL
1	Johnson, Jeremi	FB	6'1"	279	Sr.	Louisville, KY
6	Jones, Damien	CB	5'10"	167	Fr.	Houston, TX
21	Jones, Herana-Daze	WLB	6'0"	196	So.	Louisville, KY
14	Jones, Tommy	QB	6'5"	241	Sr.	Eaton, OH
81	Kleinschmidt, Rhett	WR	6'1"	188	Fr.	Metarie, LA
89	Kruse, Kevin	LB	6'0"	205	Fr.	Carmel, IN
97	Lapostolle, Martin	LB	6'3"	215	So.	Montreal, PQ
8	Larkins, Buster	FS	6'0"	171	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
3	Lewis, Brian	RB	5'10"	208	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
12	Lewis, David	WR	6'1"	185	So.	Terre Haute, IN
93	Lumpkin, John	DE	6'3"	261	So.	Warren, OH
24	Lumpkin, Will	SS	6'0"	186	Fr.	Dayton, OH
66	Moat, Shane	LB	6'1"	225	Sr.	Bloomington, IN
62	Myler, A.C.	T	6'5"	350	Sr.	Detroit, MI
4	Myles, Rashon	FB	6'2"	212	Jr.	Dallas, TX
41	Naaman, Mark	LB	6'1"	226	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
27	Noel, Hanley	K	6'4"	201	So.	Indianapolis, IN
34	Northern, Willie	FS	6'2"	200	Sr.	Quincy, FL
61	Oakley, Anthony	G	6'4"	305	Jr.	Houston, TX
36	Pallotta, Neil	K	6'0"	222	Fr.	Needham, MA
91	Radke, Eli	DE	6'3"	225	So.	West Lebanon, IN
18	Robertson, Bryan	K	5'11"	158	So.	Seymour, IN
7	Robinson, Dru	RB	5'11"	196	Sr.	Orrville, OH
82	Robinson, Michael	WR	6'6"	206	Fr.	Orrville, OH
19	Roby, Courtney	WR	6'1"	177	So.	Indianapolis, IN
43	Sandrick, John	LB	6'4"	213	Fr.	Lynwood, IL
52	Schwegman, Beau	C	6'3"	295	So.	Lawrenceburg, IN
84	Seydel, Ryan	WR	6'2"	174	Fr.	Lowell, IN
31	Smith, Deonte	LB	6'1"	205	So.	Louisville, KY
48	Smith, Kevin	SLB	6'3"	266	So.	Canton, OH
76	Sowells, Isaac	T	6'3"	266	Fr.	Louisville, KY
42	Stone, Duane	CB	5'10"	176	Jr.	Evanston, IL
78	Stuart, Clay	OL	6'6"	314	So.	Lodi, OH
5	Sullivan, Jason	FB	6'1"	250	Fr.	Staten Island, NY
16	Thompson, Patrick	QB	6'3"	229	So.	Paterson, NJ
77	Wagner, Jacob	OL	6'9"	314	So.	Springfield, OH
57	Warriner, Kyle	LS	5'11"	222	So.	Plainfield, IN
33	Washington, Yamar	RB	5'10"	199	Fr.	Houston, TX
2	Watson, Antonio	DB	6'1"	200	Sr.	Kankakee, IL
39	Williams, Mike	DB	5'9"	170	Jr.	Terre Haute, IN
44	Wilson, Michael	WR	6'1"	187	So.	Chicago, IL
58	Young, Courtney	DT	6'5"	282	Sr.	Bartow, FL

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	**9**	**Glenn Johnson (Jr.)**	**80**	**Travis Haney (So.)**
WR	19	Courtney Roby (So.)	12	David Lewis (So.)
LT	**71**	**Bobby Brandt (Sr.)**	77	Jacob Wagner (So.)
LG	**70**	**Enoch DeMar (Sr.)**	55	Jamarkus Gorman (Sr.)
C	72	Chris Jahnke (So.)	73	Brandon Hatcher (Fr.)
RG	**61**	**Anthony Oakley (Jr.)**	52	Beau Schwegman (So.)
RT	**62**	**A.C. Myler (Sr.)**	78	Clay Stuart (So.)
TE	87	Aaron Halterman (So.)	85	Stephen Anthony (Sr.)
QB	14	Tommy Jones (Sr.)	17	Gibran Hamdan (Sr.)
TB	3	Brian Lewis (Jr.)	33	Yamar Washington (Fr.)
FB	**1**	**Jeremi Johnson (Sr.)**	5	Jason Sullivan (Fr.)

Defense (5)

DE	56	Jodie Clemons (So.)	94	Victor Adeyanju (Fr.)
DT	83	Kris Dielman (Sr.)	58	Courtney Young (Sr.)
NT	**50**	**Colin Christopher (Jr.)**	96	Chris Beaty (Fr.)
DE	**99**	**Derek Barnett (Sr.)**	93	John Lumpkin (So.)
SLB	15	Ron Bethel (Sr.)	48	Kevin Smith (So.)
MLB	31	Deonte Smith (So.)	97	Martin Lapostolle (So.)
WLB	**21**	**Herana-Daze Jones (So.)**	49	Jason Cartwright (So.)
CB	6	Damien Jones (Fr.)	42	Duane Stone (Jr.)
CB	2	Antonio Watson (Sr.)	26	Leonard Bryant (Fr.)
SS	**25**	**Joe Gonzalez (Sr.)**	24	Will Lumpkin (So.)
FS	**23**	**A.C. Carter (Sr.)**	8	Buster Larkins (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	18	Bryan Robertson (So.)
P	38	Ryan Hamre (Jr.)
PR	9	Glenn Johnson (Jr.)
KR	23	A.C. Carter (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Tommy Jones, 18-31-163-0, 1 TD
Rushing: Jeremi Johnson, 95 car., 546 yds, 7 TDs.
Receiving: Glenn Johnson, 21 rec., 229 yds., 1 TD
Scoring: Jeremi Johnson, 8 TDs, 48 points
Punting: Ryan Hamre, 12 punts, 31.3 avg.
Kicking: Adam Braucher, 1-6 FGs, 25-29 XPs, 28 pts.
Tackles: Joe Gonzalez, 65, 50 solo
Tackles for loss: Ron Bethel, 6 for 40 yds., Derek Barnett, 6 for 19 yds.
Sacks: 3 players with 2 each
Interceptions: Herena-Daze Jones, 2 for 15 yds.
Kickoff returns: A.C. Carter, 11 ret., 20.1 avg.
Punt returns: Courtney Roby, 1 ret., 5.0 avg.

2001 Results

S. 6	at NC State	L	14–35
S. 22	Utah	L	26–28
S. 29	Ohio State	L	14–27
O. 6	at Wisconsin	W	63–32
O. 13	Illinois	L	14–35
O. 20	at Iowa	L	28–42
N. 3	Northwestern	W	56–21
N. 10	at Michigan State	W	37–28
N. 17	at Penn State	L	14–28
N. 24	Purdue	W	13– 7
D. 1	Kentucky	W	26–15

2002 Signees

Tyson Beattie — P, 6'0", 170, Australia
Punted for the Australian national (American) football team. Was slated to go to Southeast Missouri State but switched to IU after Gerry DiNardo was hired.

Jerohn Fields — QB, 6'1", 185, Chicago, IL
Named MVP of Chicago Public League. Totalled 2,247 yards passing and 31 TDs.

Justin Frye — DL, 6'6", 250, Elwood, IN
Named all-state, all-conference and all-county. Father Kevin played at IU from 1977-81 (FB and TE).

Jahkeen Gilmore — WR, 6'1", 185, Brooklyn, NY
Ranked the No. 11 senior from New York by *SuperPrep*. Caught 47 passes for 1,080 yards and nine TDs.

Bo Greer — DT, 6'3", 295, Princeton, IN
All-Midwest Region by *PrepStar*. A Two-time Indiana Football Coaches Association Class 3A All-State pick.

Troy Grosfield — K, 5'11", 175, Denver, CO
Earned second-team all-state and all-conference honors. Long field goal was 53 yards.

Steve Gunter — WR, 5'11", 165, Warrenville Hghts, OH
Ranked the No. 75 safety in the country by *Rivals100.com*. Played RB, QB, WR, and DB as a prep.

Adam Hines — OL, 6'4", 270, Vandalia, OH
All-Midwest Region by *PrepStar*. Rated in Top 100 offensive guards by *Rivals100.com*.

Kenny Kendal — DE, 6'4", 220, Chicago, IL
Honorable mention all-state by the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Sun Times*. Named team MVP.

John Kerr — LB, 6'0", 240, Cleveland, OH
Named Ohio Defensive Player of the Year. An All-Midwest Region selection by *PrepStar*.

Kyle Killion — LB, 6'2", 210, Kingwood, TX
Could play a number of defensive positions in college. His brother Aaron plays at Colorado.

Marlin Lynch — RB, 6'0", 240, Detroit, MI
Selected as one of the Top 35 players in Michigan by the *Detroit Free Press*.

Graeme McFarland — QB, 6'2", 195, Birmingham, AL
Rated as the No. 24 QB in the country by *Rivals100.com*. All-Southeast Region by *PrepStar*. Threw for 2,600 yards and 23 TDs as a senior.

Sean Miller — RB, 5'10", 205, Solon, OH
All-Midwest Region by *PrepStar*. Rushed for over 1,200 yards with 21 TDs.

John Pannozzo — RB, 5'11", 215, Brooklyn, NY
All-state, all-city and team MVP as a senior. Rushed for 945 yards and 11 TDs. Also recorded 89 tackles and five sacks.

Russ Richardson — DL, 6'0", 265, Phoenix, AZ
A two-time all-state pick and the Metro Defensive Player of the Year.

Tyke Spencer — WR, 5'11", 180, Naperville, IL
A *Chicago Tribune* Honorable Mention All-State selection. Had 51 catches, 964 yards and 12 TDs for powerhouse Naperville Central.

Chris Taylor — RB, 6'0", 190, Memphis, TN
An honorable mention all-state pick. Was also a standout basketball player for Cordova HS.

Adam Tingle — OL, 6'2", 300, Louisville, KY
Did not play senior year because of injury. Was all-district and all-county as a junior.

Julius Ware — CB, 5'11", 175, Bradenton, FL
Six INTs senior year at Southeast HS. Also returned punts for 22.3 yards per return.

Allen Webb — QB, 6'3", 210, Denver, CO
Split time playing QB and WR, combining for 1,500 total yards.

Iowa Hawkeyes

Big Ten Prediction: 6th
National Forecast: #36

Two decades after helping Hayden Fry rebuild the Iowa football program, Kirk Ferentz is leading his own Hawkeye resurgence.

Iowa has been on a slow but steady rise back to respectability since Ferentz replaced Fry, who retired following a 3–8 season in 1998. After winning just one game in 1999 and three in 2000, the Hawkeyes climbed to 7–5 last season, which culminated with a 19–16 victory over Texas Tech in the Alamo Bowl.

And now with 12 starters returning, including four offensive linemen, there is reason to be optimistic heading into this season. But there also is reason for concern: Iowa must rely on a new wave of offensive skill players and has to find three new starters on the defensive line.

Ferentz went into spring practice faced with the challenge of having to replace second-team All-Big Ten running back Ladell Betts, quarterback Kyle McCann, receiver Kahlil Hill and fullback Jeremy Allen. This quartet accounted for 30 of the Hawkeyes' 50 touchdowns in 2001.

quarterbacks

Senior Brad Banks won a spring battle of former junior college stars for the starting assignment at quarterback.

Banks served as McCann's backup during the 2001 season and showed a knack for making big plays. He threw for 582 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for 160 yards. Banks is one of the more elusive quarterbacks to play for Iowa in years.

Nathan Chandler, on the other hand, is one of the biggest at 6'7", 250 pounds. He enrolled at Iowa in January after playing the previous two seasons at Pasadena City College in California. Chandler passed for 2,455 yards and 26 touchdowns last season while leading Pasadena to a 10–1 record.

running backs

This season will mark the first time since early in the 1998 campaign that somebody besides Betts will be Iowa's featured running back.

Aaron Greving is expected to assume that role after serving as Betts' understudy last season. Greving gave Hawkeye fans a reason to be excited with a 115-yard performance in the Alamo Bowl. He also tied an NCAA record by scoring three touchdowns on three consecutive carries against Kent State.

Greving will be pushed for playing time by Fred Russell and Jermelle Lewis, who missed last season because of academic problems. Senior Siaka Massaquoi also could be a factor, assuming he returns from a suspension caused by a second drunken driving charge.

"We've got some confidence (in these guys), but it's always tough when you lose a guy like Ladell," Ferentz says.

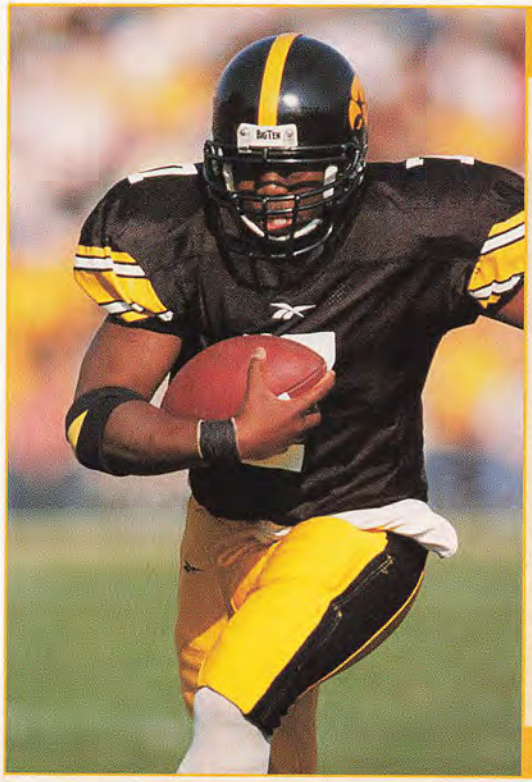
And while replacing Betts is the primary concern, somebody also has to fill the void left by Allen at fullback. Edgar Cervantes, who began his career at linebacker, and Aaron Mickens are the top two candidates.

receivers

Hill helped make up for the loss of former All-Big Ten receiver Kevin Kasper last season by leading the team in virtually every receiving category.

Now the question is, who will replace Hill as the go-to receiver this season? The Iowa staff is hoping senior C.J. Jones, who finished third on the team last season with 34 catches for 434 yards, can fill that role.

Somebody also has to replace Chris Oliver, who caught 18 passes for 152 yards and one touchdown last season. The most likely candidates are junior Maurice Brown, who missed the final seven games last season after being charged with drunken driving, and red-



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Brad Banks: Threw for 582 yards as a reserve in '01

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to Another Bowl Game

Quarterback play will be a primary concern for the Hawkeyes. Brad Banks, who played in 10 games as a reserve last fall, emerged as the starter in the spring, but the former junior college star has yet to start a Division I-A game. Banks' development will be accelerated if somebody develops into a go-to receiver, the role filled by Kahlil Hill and Kevin Kasper during the previous two seasons. The most likely candidate is C.J. Jones, who caught six passes in the spring game. The defensive line also needs to avoid a letdown with three new starters. The Hawkeyes miss Illinois and Ohio State in the Big Ten rotation, which always is nice. So is playing rival Iowa State at home instead of in Ames, which is the case this season. Iowa could be 4–0 heading into the Big Ten opener at Penn State.

2002 Schedule

A. 31	Akron	W
S. 7	at Miami (OH)	W
S. 14	**Iowa State**	*
S. 21	Utah State	W
S. 28	**at Penn State**	*
O. 5	Purdue	W
O. 12	**Michigan State**	*
O. 19	at Indiana	W
O. 26	at Michigan	L
N. 2	Wisconsin	L
N. 9	Northwestern	W
N. 16	at Minnesota	W

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
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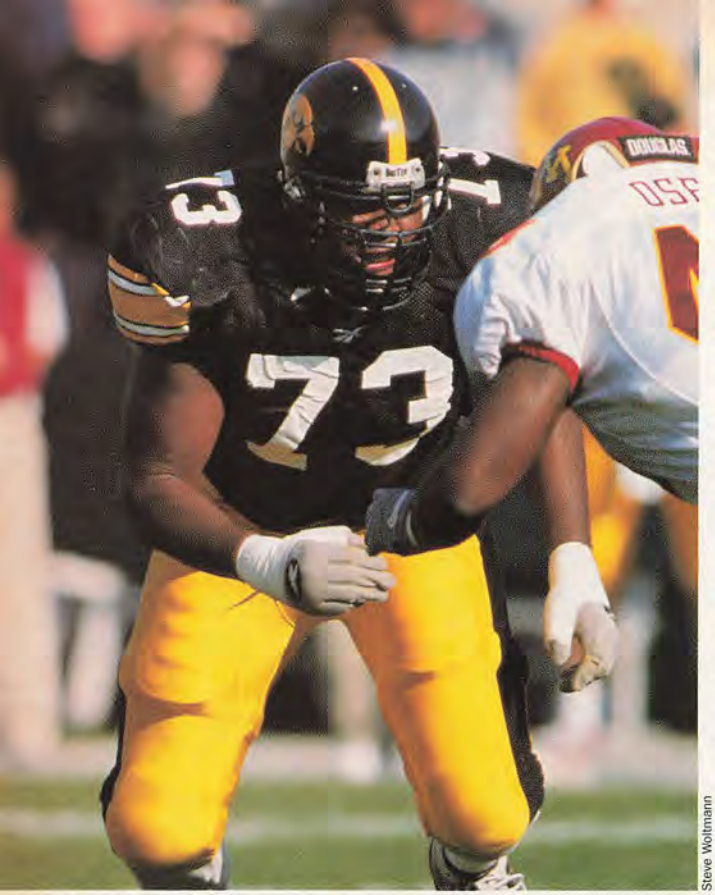
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David Porter

shirt freshmen Ed Hinkel and Darius Butler.

The good news is that nobody has to replace Dallas Clark at tight end. The former walk-on linebacker was second on the team last season on the team with 34 catches for 509 yards and four touchdowns.

29 Iowa has started the game on offense 29 straight times over the past three seasons. The Hawkeyes have not started on defense since they won the coin toss and deferred in a game at Northwestern in 1999.

offensive linemen

Last season, Ferentz was faced with the challenge of building an offensive line to complement a group of talented and experienced skill players.

What a difference one year makes.

Iowa has eight offensive linemen returning with starting experience, including center Bruce Nelson, who has started 35 consecutive games. The fact that three of the starters used to play tight end is a testimony to the group's athleticism. One of the former tight ends — guard Eric Steinbach — made first-team All-Big Ten last season, despite missing three games with an elbow injury.

Iowa received a major boost from the NCAA when David Porter, a 6'7", 316-pound tackle, was granted another season of eligibility under the medical hardship rule.

defensive linemen

Iowa finished second in the Big Ten in rushing defense last season thanks in large part to an experienced line that featured All-Big Ten end Aaron Kampman and tackles Derrick Pickens and Jerry Montgomery.

But they have since moved on, leaving Colin Cole as the only returning starter. Cole has switched back to tackle after playing defensive end last season. He finished second on the team in 2001 with 14 tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Tackle Jared Clauss gained valuable experience last season as a reserve and part-time starter. Clauss finished with 27 tackles, including six for a loss.

Texas natives Howard Hodges and Jonathan Babineaux are expected to start at both end positions. Babineaux came to Iowa as a fullback.

linebackers

There is plenty of depth to compensate for the loss of Mike Dolezal and Roger Meyer, who combined for 156 tackles as seniors last season.

Fred Barr finished second on the team last season as a junior with 109 tackles, including 69 solo stops. He will be joined in the starting lineup by juniors Grant Steen and Kevin Worthy. Steen, a former walk-on, had 59 tackles last season as an outside linebacker.

Matt Roth and redshirt freshmen Abdul Hodge and Chad Greenway also will compete for playing time. Roth, a former high school All-American, was the only true freshman to play last season. Hodge and Greenway moved into the mix after performing well during spring practice.

defensive backs

Junior strong safety Bob Sanders is back to inflict pain on opponents for another season. Sanders is considered one of the hardest hitters in the Big Ten, despite his small stature (5'8", 194).

He made first-team All-Big Ten last season as a sophomore after leading the Hawkeyes with 111 tackles, including 25 during a victory against Indiana. He also had a team-high three interceptions and added another pick in the Alamo Bowl win.

Cornerback Benny Sapp returns after leading Iowa with 12 pass break-ups last season.

Rounding out the secondary will be senior safety Derek Pagel and senior cornerback D.J. Johnson. Redshirt freshman cornerback Antwan Allen, who Ferentz said was good enough to play as a true freshman, also will contribute.

specialists

The kicking game is solid with junior Nate Kaeding showing star potential. Kaeding made 8-of-11 field goal attempts in the regular season then hit 4-of-5 in the bowl game, including the game-winner in the final minute.

The problem is at punter, where David Bradley averaged just 36.8 yards on 36 attempts last season.

Somebody also has to replace Hill as the No. 1 return specialist. Jones and Russell are the leading candidates to fill that role.

RISING STAR

Junior running back **Aaron Greving** gave fans a glimpse of his potential during the Alamo Bowl with 115 yards on 25 carries. A former high school sprint champion, Greving grew up just blocks from the Iowa State campus in Ames. Including the bowl game, Greving scored seven touchdowns on just 60 carries last season.

Outside the Huddle

Staff shakeup Former Wisconsin assistant coach Darrell Wilson joined the Iowa staff in January, shortly after Bret Bielema resigned to become the co-defensive coordinator at Kansas State.

Bowl bound Kirk Ferentz became just the third head coach to lead Iowa to a bowl game, joining Forest Evashevski and Hayden Fry.

Connecticut pipeline Iowa has signed the top high school in player from Connecticut in two of the past three seasons. This year's haul features quarterback Jason Manson from Bloomfield and running back Justise Hairston from New Britain.

Welcome back The NCAA granted senior offensive tackle David Porter a fifth season of eligibility in February. Porter started 11 games last season. "Certainly, our biggest recruit was Dave Porter," Ferentz says. "We couldn't have gone out and recruited a guy like him."

Quarterback U? After producing the All-Big Ten quarterback seven times from 1983-91, Iowa has had none since.

2002 Iowa Roster

2001 Record: 7–5
Big Ten Record: 4–4
Head Coach Kirk Ferentz

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
77	Aiello, Sam	OL	6'5"	305	Jr.	Carol Stream, IL
26	Allen, Antwan	DB	5'10"	160	Fr.	Tampa, FL
66	Asmus, Kody	OL	6'2"	235	So.	Cedar Falls, IA
45	Babineaux, Jonathan	DL	6'2"	255	Jr.	Port Arthur, TX
7	Banks, Brad	QB	6'1"	185	Sr.	Belle Glades, FL
87	Barkema, C.J.	TE	6'8"	235	Fr.	Muscatine, IA
51	Barr, Fred	LB	6'2"	238	Sr.	Plantation, FL
79	Bell, Kelvin	DT	6'2"	300	So.	Olive Branch, MS
16	Bohnet, Matt	QB	6'3"	210	Fr.	Grand Ledge, MI
4	Boleyn, Scott	DB	5'11"	195	Sr.	Dubuque, IA
75	Borchers, Kory	OL	6'6"	290	Jr.	LeMars, IA
68	Bowers, Jacob	OL	6'5"	265	So.	Sioux City, IA
28	Bradley, David	P	6'2"	205	So.	San Diego, CA
9	Brown, Maurice	WR	6'2"	210	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
84	Burrier, Tony	LB	6'4"	212	Sr.	Iowa City, IA
85	Butler, Darius	WR	6'1"	190	Fr.	Plantation, FL
8	Campbell, Nate	K	5'11"	195	Sr.	Geneva, IL
40	Cervantes, Edgar	FB	6'3"	240	Jr.	Maywood, CA
10	Chandler, Nathan	QB	6'7"	250	Jr.	Southlake, TX
46	Chinander, Bret	LB	5'9"	218	Fr.	Allison, IA
66	Chinander, Erik	OL	6'0"	280	Sr.	Allison, IA
44	Clark, Dallas	TE	6'4"	240	Jr.	Livermore, IA
90	Clauss, Jared	DL	6'5"	287	Jr.	W. Des Moines, IA
94	Cole, Colin	DL	6'2"	300	Sr.	Plantation, FL
37	Considine, Sean	DB	6'0"	190	So.	Byron, IL
59	Cronin, Ben	OL	6'5"	270	Fr.	Ames, IA
55	Densmore, Adam	OL	6'4"	290	Jr.	Boulder, CO
97	Dodd, Fabian	DL	6'3"	280	Fr.	Lauderhill, FL
17	Donahue, Ryan	WR	6'0"	190	Fr.	Collinsville, IL
36	Ejiasi, Chigozie	DB	6'0"	200	So.	Cedar Rapids, IA
62	Ferentz, Brian	OL	6'2"	245	Fr.	Iowa City, IA
49	Follett, Mike	LB	6'5"	215	Fr.	W. Des Moines, IA
74	Freeman, Carl	DL	6'1"	245	Fr.	Geneseo, IL
69	Freeman, Marshall	DL	6'4"	225	So.	Geneseo, IL
91	Gallery, John	P	6'2"	210	Fr.	Masonville, IA
78	Gallery, Robert	OL	6'7"	300	Jr.	Masonville, IA
52	Gancarczyk, Jacob	LB	6'1"	220	So.	Joliet, IL
82	Gates, Ben	TE	6'6"	235	Fr.	Toledo, IA
99	Gray, Lee	DL	6'6"	270	Fr.	Dallas, TX
18	Greenway, Chad	LB	6'4"	215	Fr.	Mt. Vernon, SD
34	Greving, Aaron	RB	5'11"	207	Jr.	Ames, IA
17	Haralson, Aramis	DB	6'3"	197	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
93	Helms, Jory	DL	6'2"	265	Jr.	Chicago, IL
11	Hinkel, Ed	WR	6'1"	170	Fr.	Erie, PA
52	Hodge, Abdul	LB	6'2"	220	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
48	Hodges, Howard	DL	6'2"	235	Jr.	Copperas Cove, TX
86	Holloway, Warren	WR	5'10"	184	So.	Homewood, IL
76	Hoveland, Jason	OL	6'5"	305	Sr.	Rowley, IA
81	Jackson, Tony	TE	6'3"	265	So.	Ypsilanti, MI
35	Jensen, Erik	TE	6'3	259	Jr.	Appleton, WI
5	Johnson, D.J.	DB	5'10"	192	Sr.	Naperville, IL
8	Jones, C.J.	WR	6'0"	185	Sr.	Boynton Beach, FL
95	Kaeding, Nate	K/P	6'0"	165	Jr.	Coralville, IA
14	Kaat, Dan	QB	6'2"	219	So.	Brookfield, WI
58	Larsen, Blake	OL	6'7"	304	Fr.	Atlantic, IA
50	Lewis, George	LB	6'2"	230	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
29	Lewis, Jermelle	RB	5'11"	208	So.	Bloomfield, CT
70	Lightfoot, Andy	OL	6'6"	294	Sr.	Des Plaines, IL
60	Luebke, Tyler	DL	6'1"	274	Jr.	Iowa City, IA
32	Massaquoi, Siaka	RB	5'11"	200	Sr.	Evanston, IL
12	McLaurin, Marqueas	DB	5'8"	175	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
69	McMahon, Peter	OL	6'7"	312	So.	Dubuque, IA
57	Meidlinger, Brian	OL	6'6"	300	Jr.	Council Bluffs, IA
84	Melloy, Matt	WR	6'3"	180	Fr.	Mt. Pleasant, IA
59	Mickelson, John	DL	6'3"	245	So.	W. Des Moines, IA
43	Mickens, Aaron	FB	5'10"	235	So.	Copperas Cove, TX
72	Nelson, Bruce	OL	6'4"	290	Sr.	Emmetsburg, IA
38	Neubauer, Matt	DE	6'6"	250	Fr.	Iowa Falls, IA
13	Ochoa, Ramon	WR	5'10"	189	Jr.	Maywood, CA
25	Pagel, Derek	DB	6'1"	203	Sr.	Plainfield, IA
78	Payne, O.J.	DL	5'9"	251	Jr.	Davenport, IA
73	Porter, David	OL	6'7"	316	Sr.	Belleville, IL
5	Raih, David	QB	6'5"	190	Jr.	Edina, MN
57	Revak, Tom	LB	6'3"	220	So.	Lakeville, MN
27	Roberts, Jermire	DB	6'2"	210	Jr.	Port Arthur, TX
98	Robinson, Derreck	DE	6'5"	260	So.	Minneapolis, MN
31	Roth, Matt	LB	6'4"	245	So.	Villa Park, IL
71	Rothwell, Eric	OL	6'3"	300	Jr.	McFarland, WI
2	Russell, Fred	RB	5'8"	185	Jr.	Inkster, MI
33	Sanders, Bob	DB	5'8"	194	Jr.	Erie, PA
19	Sapp, Benny	DB	5'10"	181	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
23	Schnoor, Marcus	RB	6'1"	190	Fr.	DeWitt, IA
14	Shelton, Adolphus	DB	5'10"	165	Fr.	Dallas, TX
25	Sherlock, Kevin	RB	5'11"	225	Fr.	Park Ridge, IL
20	Smith, Chris	DB	5'11"	195	Jr.	Paris, TX
65	Sobieski, Ben	OL	6'5"	305	Sr.	Mahtomedi, MN
42	Steen, Grant	LB	6'3"	238	Jr.	Emmetsburg, IA
56	Steinbach, Eric	OL	6'7"	284	Sr.	New Lenox, IL
89	Thorn, Andy	TE	6'5"	255	So.	Waterford, MI
64	Traynor, Pete	OL	6'3"	290	Sr.	Milton, WI
96	Traynor, John	DL	6'1"	247	Jr.	Milton, WI
11	Walker, Joseph	WR	5'11"	180	So.	Iowa City, IA
58	Webb, Scott	DL	6'2"	295	Sr.	Sigourney, IA
53	Worthy, Kevin	LB	6'2"	235	Jr.	Attalla, AL

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE	11	Ed Hinkel (Fr.)	85	Darius Butler (Fr.)
LT	**78**	**Robert Gallery (Jr.)**	65	Ben Sobieski (Sr.)
LG	**56**	**Eric Steinbach (Sr.)**	75	Kory Borchers (Jr.)
C	**72**	**Bruce Nelson (Sr.)**	64	Pete Traynor (Sr.)
RG	70	Andy Lightfoot (Sr.)	77	Sam Aiello (Jr.)
RT	**73**	**David Porter (Sr.)**	69	Pete McMahon (So.)
TE	**44**	**Dallas Clark (Jr.)**	35	Erik Jensen (Jr.)
QB	7	Brad Banks (Sr.)	10	Nathan Chandler (Jr.)
WR	8	C.J. Jones (Sr.)	13	Ramon Ochoa (Jr.)
RB	34	Aaron Greving (Jr.)	2	Fred Russell (Jr.)
FB	40	Edgar Cervantes (Jr.)	43	Aaron Mickens (So.)

Defense (7)

DE	45	Jonathan Babineaux (Jr.)	38	Matt Neubauer (Fr.)
DT	**94**	**Colin Cole (Sr.)**	97	Fabian Dodd (Fr.)
DT	90	Jared Clauss (Jr.)	58	Scott Webb (Sr.)
DE	48	Howard Hodges (Jr.)	98	Derreck Robinson (So.)
OLB	**42**	**Grant Steen (Jr.)**	31	Matt Roth (So.)
MLB	**51**	**Fred Barr (Sr.)**	52	Abdul Hodge (Fr.)
WLB	53	Kevin Worthy (Jr.)	18	Chad Greenway (Fr.)
CB	**5**	**D.J. Johnson (Sr.)**	36	Chigozie Ejiasi (So.)
CB	**19**	**Benny Sapp (Jr.)**	26	Antwan Allen (Fr.)
SS	**33**	**Bob Sanders (Jr.)**	20	Chris Smith (Jr.)
FS	**25**	**Derek Pagel (Sr.)**	37	Sean Considine (So.)

Special Teams

K	95	Nate Kaeding (Jr.)
P	28	David Bradley (So.)
KR	2	Fred Russell (Jr.)
PR	2	Fred Russell (Jr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Brad Banks, 41-68-582-2, 4 TDs
Rushing: Aaron Greving, 35 car., 218 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Dallas Clark, 34 rec., 509 yds., 4 TDs
Scoring: Nate Kaeding, 8 FGs, 48 XPs, 72 points
Punting: David Bradley, 36 punts, 36.8 avg.
Kicking: Nate Kaeding, 8-11 FGs, 48-49 XPs, 72 pts.
Tackles: Bob Sanders, 111, 69 solo
Tackles for loss: Colin Cole, 14 for 37 yds.
Sacks: Colin Cole, 5
Interceptions: Bob Sanders, 3 for 24 yds.
Kickoff returns: C.J. Jones, 12 ret., 19.8 avg.
Punt returns: C.J. Jones, 6 ret., 27.3 avg.

2001 Results

S. 1	Kent State	W	51– 0
S. 8	Miami (OH)	W	44–19
S. 29	Penn State	W	24–18
O. 6	at Purdue	L	14–23
O. 13	at Michigan State	L	28–31
O. 20	Indiana	W	42–28
O. 27	Michigan	L	26–32
N. 3	at Wisconsin	L	28–34
N. 10	at Northwestern	W	59–16
N. 17	Minnesota	W	42–24
N. 24	at Iowa State	L	14–17
D. 29	Texas Tech#	W	19–16

#Sylvania Alamo Bowl

2002 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**

Steve Burch **LB/DL** **6'2"** **270** **Detroit, MI**
Was a member of *Blue Chip Magazine's* pre-season All-America team. As a senior, had 147 tackles (24 for a loss) and two INTs.

Nathan Chandler **QB** **6'6"** **245** **Dallas, TX**
First-team All-American at Pasadena City (CA) CC. Completed 191-of-296 passes for 2,455 yards and 26 TDs as a sophomore. Originally signed with Texas Tech out of HS.

Calvin Davis **WR** **6'1"** **180** **Iowa City, IA**
Named to *SuperPrep's* All-America team. Had 53 receptions for 910 yards and 10 TDs during senior season.

Mike Elgin **LB** **6'4"** **210** **Bankston, IA**
Named all-state and all-conference. Registered 188 tackles, 18 for a loss. Team won 2001 Class 3A State Championship.

Chris Felder **OL** **6'7"** **295** **Oelwein, IA**
Rated in the Top 25 prep prospects in the nation by *The Sporting News*. Earned *SuperPrep* All-America honors.

Justise Hairston **RB** **6'0"** **205** **New Britain, CT**
First team all-conference for three straight years. Rushed for 1,300 yards and 19 TDs as a senior.

Jovon Johnson **DB** **5'9"** **165** **Erie, PA**
Played QB and DB as a prep. Rushed for 2,348 career yards and also had 10 INTs.

Ryan Majerus **LB** **6'4"** **210** **Oelwein, IA**
Had 140 tackles (31 for a loss), 14 sacks and four INTs as a senior. A first-team all-state and all-conference selection.

Jason Manson **QB** **6'1"** **185** **Bloomfield, CT**
Passed for 7,200 yards, 89 TDs and just five INTs in his prep career. Earned all-state and all-conference honors in 2000 and 2001.

Warren McDuffie **TE** **6'7"** **235** **Iowa City, IA**
Ranked the No. 15 TE in the nation by Tom Lemming. Caught 37 passes for 773 yards and had eight TDs in his prep career.

Miguel Merrick **WR** **6'0"** **190** **Union City, NJ**
SuperPrep honorable mention All-American. Totaled 1,235 yards, 61 receptions and nine TDs as a senior.

Edmond Miles **LB** **6'1"** **200** **Tallahassee, FL**
Named to the All-Gridiron Team selected by the Sunshine Network. Had six sacks and 15 tackles for a loss as a senior.

Marcus Paschal **DB** **6'0"** **175** **Largo, FL**
Named first-team all-conference, all-county and All-Suncoast. Also played QB and rushed for 959 yards on 7.2 yards per carry.

Cy Phillips **QB** **6'6"** **228** **Hoxie, AR**
Named Best Quarterback under the Sun by the *Jonesboro Sun*. Passed for 968 yards and rushed for 1,019 yards.

Kyle Schlicher **K** **5'9"** **175** **Ankeny, IA**
Connected on 11-of-15 FG attempts as a senior with a long of 56 yards. Regarded as one of the top prep kickers in the Midwest.

Clinton Solomon **QB** **6'4"** **190** **Ft. Worth, TX**
Named to the Ft. Worth Coca-Cola all-star team. All-conference both junior and senior years.

Wesley Thibeaux **DL** **6'2"** **294** **Beaumont, TX**
As a sophomore at Blinn (TX) CC registered 40 tackles, two forced fumbles and three sacks.

Chris Thomas **OL** **6'4"** **305** **Carlisle, PA**
Nominated for the Pennsylvania "Big 33" All-Star Team. Earned all-conference honors on both offense and defense.

Larry Thomas **DL** **6'2"** **270** **Miami, FL**
Second-team all-state and first-team All-Dade County. Had 75 tackles, 15 for a loss, and nine sacks as a senior.

David Vickers **WR** **6'2"** **185** **Akron, OH**
Rivals100.com Top 100 player nationally. Had 28 receptions for 627 yards and 10 TDs as a senior.

Richie Williams **DB** **5'10"** **170** **North Augusta, SC**
Two-year starter as a DB and WR. 51 solo tackles, three INTs and 10 pass break-ups his senior year.

Eric Zilisch **LB** **6'5"** **230** **Hartland, WI**
First-team all-state and all-conference as a senior. Had 105 tackles and seven sacks in 2001.

Michigan Wolverines

Big Ten Prediction: 1st
National Forecast: #9

It was an off-season of change for the Michigan Wolverines, who saw very little good in an 8–4 season last year that included losses to Michigan State, Ohio State and an embarrassing 45–17 loss to Tennessee in the Citrus Bowl.

Michigan had one of the poorest offenses in the Big Ten last season, averaging 359.2 yards, ninth in the conference. So now there's a new offensive coordinator in Terry Malone, promoted from his position as offensive line coach. Scot Loeffler, a former quarterback and graduate assistant at U-M, was hired to coach quarterbacks. And the players went back to the weight room to beef up and find the speed that was lacking in the bowl game.

"The reality is, if you don't like what you see, you need to do the things necessary to change it," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr says. Now it's time to see if those changes will make a difference.

quarterbacks

The quarterbacks say that under Malone, the offense will have a lot more answers for the defense. The only answer that has not been given, however, is who will play quarterback.

The safe bet is John Navarre, the starter all last season as a sophomore. Criticized for being slow, Navarre dropped some weight in the off-season and increased his foot speed.

But what needed work was his confidence. Navarre played well the first half of the season and had only two interceptions, but in the final six games, he threw 11 interceptions.

His primary competition is Spencer Brinton, a transfer from San Diego State who arrived at Michigan last April after a two-year LDS Church mission. The lefthander has a strong arm but has been relatively untested in game situations.

Jermaine Gonzales returned to quarterback at the end of spring practice after a brief experiment at receiver.

running backs



Re-establishing Michigan as a potent rushing threat was a main focus during the off-season. The Wolverines averaged 143 yards rushing last season, a paltry eighth in the Big Ten.

Depth will not be an issue, but the running game did take a hit two weeks after spring practice when redshirt freshman tailback Kelly Baraka was dismissed from the team for undisclosed reasons. In Baraka, the Wolverines had a speed back. But they seem confident they will make do without him.

B.J. Askew, the leading rusher a year ago, has been moved back to fullback because of his versatility as a rusher, receiver and blocker.

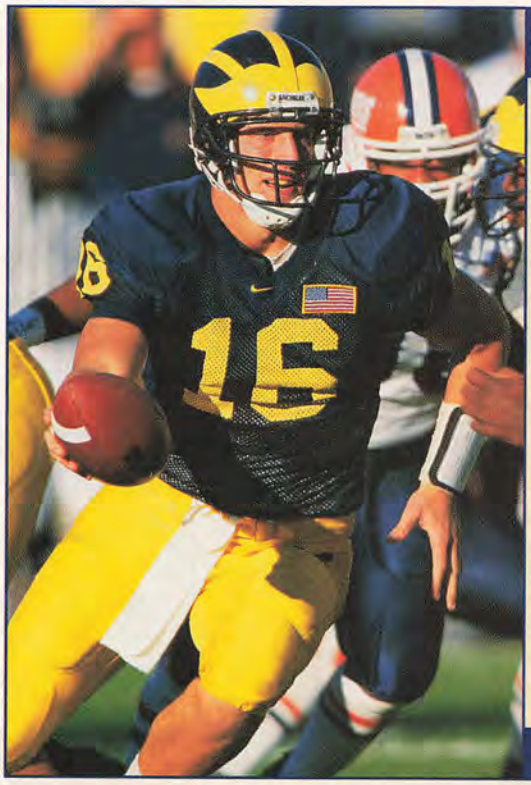
Chris Perry will be the starter at tailback, but watch out for sophomore David Underwood, a strong back who runs low and is tough to bring down. Tim Bracken, who was expected to be the starter a year ago, is still recovering from a broken leg. He was held out of spring practice.

"If we can stay healthy, our backfield situation is much, much, better," Carr says. "We've got enough depth there we should get through a season."

receivers

Marquise Walker is long gone, taking with him his 1,143 receiving yards from last season. No one else on the team was even close. In fact, a tight end was the second-leading receiver, and Askew was third.

Calvin Bell, who made more of a name for himself last season running reverses, could be a breakout player this fall, and much is expected from Ronald Bellamy, one of the fastest players on the team. Tyrece Butler, who missed



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Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a Big Ten Title

The Wolverines say they have installed a new offense under their new coordinator, but no one knows for sure what to expect since spring practices were closely guarded. Even the final spring scrimmage, open to the public, was nothing more than a one-hour display of the fundamentals. They say they will open things up and certainly they intend to regain their focus as a solid running team after a disappointing performance in 2001. The talk is not about national titles at Michigan; it is about the Big Ten title, and it could be tough this year. The Wolverines open the conference schedule at Illinois and have games at Purdue, Minnesota and Ohio State. The key games, however, will be the meetings with Michigan State and Wisconsin at Michigan Stadium. Win those games, and the Wolverines could very well be looking at a conference title.

2002 Schedule

A. 31	**Washington**	*
S. 7	Western Michigan	W
S. 14	at Notre Dame	W
S. 21	Utah	W
S. 28	at Illinois	W
O. 12	Penn State	W
O. 19	at Purdue	W
O. 26	Iowa	W
N. 2	**Michigan State**	*
N. 9	at Minnesota	W
N. 16	**Wisconsin**	*
N. 23	**at Ohio State**	*

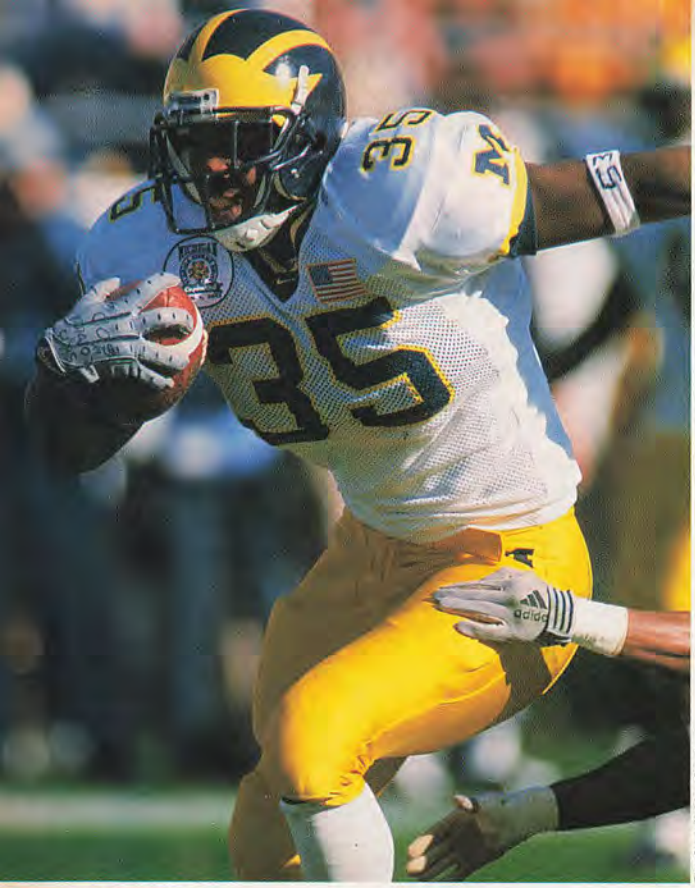
*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss
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John Navarre: 2,195 yards passing, 17 TDs in 2001

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Victor Hobson



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B.J. Askew

2000 with a knee injury, also should be a factor, but Braylon Edwards and Tim Massaquoi will push for playing time.

offensive linemen

The youth movement apparently is on as far as the line goes, and Carr likes what he sees. Whether he likes what he will see this fall is yet to be known, but this is a line being built for the future.

> **0-3** The Wolverines lost to rivals Michigan State and Ohio State and lost its bowl game — to Tennessee in the Citrus — for the first time since 1984.

"In the next two years, we're going to have a great offensive line," Carr says. "It could be 24 months from now, or it could be in 12 months. I really like the makeup of this young group of linemen."

Courtney Morgan, who made one start at right tackle last season, worked at center during the spring before switching to left tackle. Morgan, a junior, and redshirt freshman Adam Stenavich will compete for the job. Tony Pape, the starter at left tackle last season, will start at right tackle. David Baas, a sophomore, is expected to start at left guard, and Matt Lentz, a redshirt freshman, could be the starter at right guard. Dave Pearson, who moved from the defensive line during bowl practices, will compete with Andy Christopfel for the starting job at center.

defensive linemen

This should be a strength of the Wolverine defense with a veteran front four of Dan Rumishek and Shantee Orr at the ends and Norman Heuer and Shawn Lazarus at the tackles all returning.

"We're excited about the kind of defense we're going to have," Carr says. "In that front, you've got a lot of guys who are tough, who can move and who can hurt you."

The line provides a serious pass rush. Rumishek led the team with seven sacks last season, Orr was tied for second with six, and Heuer had five.

linebackers

Victor Hobson is the only returning starter at linebacker now that Larry Foote and Eric Brackins are gone, but the Wolverines have developed considerable depth at the position.

Michigan will be somewhat inexperienced, however. Redshirt freshmen Scott McClintock and Lawrence Reid had superb springs and could very well be the inside linebackers. Zach Kaufman and Carl Diggs are the other challengers.

Hobson doesn't think the lack of experience in the linebacking corps will take away from a defense that is loaded with veterans. "A lot of us have been playing together now for three or four years," he says. "We're just used to each other and we can expect what the other person is going to do. We can rely on each other and take care of each other."

defensive backs

For the first time in years, Michigan can say it has depth in the defensive secondary.

Marlin Jackson, who missed spring practice due to ligament damage in his wrist, and Markus Curry should be the starting cornerbacks.

How the safeties shake out could be very interesting. Julius Curry, a starter at strong safety who missed much of last season with nerve damage in his shoulder and then missed spring practice because of shoulder surgery, will be a starter if healthy. But Charles Drake had a superb spring and very well could be the starter.

Cato June has been the starter at free safety. The player to watch will be redshirt freshman Ernest Shazor, who at 6'4", 215 pounds is one of the biggest safeties Michigan has had in recent years. Carr has called Shazor a fabulous talent and said he will see time at receiver in the two-minute offense.

specialists

Adam Finley was expected to be the punter this fall, but former backup quarterback Andy Mignery has been working on his punting since last fall and will compete for the job. Philip Brabbs likely will handle the placekicking, but he faces competition from Luke Perl and Troy Nienberg.

On kickoff returns, Carr plans to try several players, including Jackson, Bell and Brandon Williams. Julius Curry is expected to resume punt return duties in the fall, along with his brother, Markus.

RISING STAR

Ernest Shazor, a 6'4", 215-pound redshirt freshman is a safety first, but he will be a factor on offense this fall. Shazor worked as a receiver during spring practice and will be used in the two-minute offense.

Outside the Huddle

Returning the magic? With the late addition of Utah to the schedule, the Wolverines will play seven home games this season for the first time since 1997. Wonder if that was intentional. After all, '97 was when they earned a share of the national title.

Incredible shrinking QB John Navarre, last year's starting QB, decided to do something about his weight and, in turn, his foot speed. He gave up junk food after the bowl game and dropped several pounds.

Best nickname He's big, he has enormous sideburns, but he can't sing. Still, his teammates have taken to calling offensive tackle Tony Pape, "Fat Elvis".

Young pup Although he looks like he's about 16, first-year quarterback coach Scot Loeffler is 27 — only four years older than Michigan quarterback Spencer Brinton. Loeffler is a former U-M quarterback who was sidelined with a rotator cuff injury and later became a graduate assistant. He was hired away from Central Michigan.

Ranked again Michigan finished the 2001 season ranked 20th in both polls, the program's 17th straight Top 25 finish. The Wolverines have been ranked in the final top 25 all seven seasons under Carr, including No. 1 in the 1997 *Associated Press* poll and No. 5 in 1999.

2002 Michigan Roster

2001 Record: 8–4
Big Ten Record: 6–2
Head Coach Lloyd Carr

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
35	Askew, B.J.	FB	6'3"	228	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
75	Baas, David	OL	6'5"	299	So.	Sarasota, FL
64	Baker, Stephen	DL	6'1"	262	Sr.	Valley Stream, NY
27	Bell, Calvin	WR	6'1"	192	Jr.	Simi Valley, CA
63	Bell, Derek	OL	6'5"	258	Fr.	Holland, MI
19	Bellamy, Ronald	WR	6'0"	199	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
61	Blackman, Josh	OL	6'5"	299	So.	Jackson, MI
60	Bowman, Grant	DL	6'1"	287	Jr.	Blacklick, OH
34	Brabbs, Philip	K	6'2"	195	Jr.	Midland, MI
41	Bracken, Tim	RB	5'10"	204	So.	White Castle, LA
45	Brackins, Phil	TE	6'4"	230	Jr.	Pigeon Forge, TN
7	Brinton, Spencer	QB	6'5"	225	Jr.	Hemet, CA
9	Butler, Tyrece	WR	6'3"	206	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
91	Casseus, Emmanuel	LB	6'2"	235	Sr.	Montreal, PQ
55	Christopfel, Andy	OL	6'3"	295	So.	Cincinnati, OH
31	Combs, Zia	CB	5'11"	181	So.	Lexington, KY
26	Curry, Julius	SS	6'0"	200	Sr.	Detroit, MI
30	Curry, Markus	CB	5'11"	182	So.	Detroit, MI
73	Denay, Joe	OL	6'8"	299	Sr.	Bay City, MI
43	Diggs, Carl	ILB	6'1"	245	Jr.	Warren, OH
24	Drake, Charles	SS	6'1"	204	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
89	Dubuc, Deitan	TE	6'4"	250	Sr.	Fabreville, PQ
32	Dudley, Kevin	FB	6'1"	240	So.	Brookville, IN
73	Ealey, Kyle	OL	6'7"	253	Fr.	Broadview, IL
80	Edwards, Braylon	WR	6'3"	200	So.	Detroit, MI
39	Finley, Adam	P/K	6'4"	211	So.	Greenwood, IN
86	Fisher, Jim	TE	6'5"	244	So.	Huron, OH
46	Fremer, Ken	K/P	6'0"	178	Fr.	Hinsdale, IL
64	Gaston, Jeff	OL	6'5"	290	So.	Ridgewood, NJ
18	Gonzales, Jermaine	QB	6'2"	209	So.	Pontiac, MI
65	Henige, Leo	OL	6'4"	333	Fr.	Chesaning, MI
90	Heuer, Norman	DL	6'5"	292	Jr.	Peoria, AZ
6	Hobson, Victor	OLB	6'1"	244	Sr.	Mt. Laurel, NJ
3	Jackson, Marlin	CB	6'1"	182	So.	Sharon, PA
83	Joppru, Bennie	TE	6'5"	243	Sr.	Wayzata, MN
2	June, Cato	FS	6'1"	224	Sr.	Washington, DC
95	Kashama, Alain	DL	6'5"	260	Jr.	Montreal, PQ
37	Kaufman, Zach	ILB	6'1"	230	Jr.	Claremont, CA
22	Kesler, Ross	WR	6'2"	194	So.	Warsaw, IN
66	King, Andrew	LS	6'1"	245	Fr.	Eden Prairie, MN
36	Lafer, Brian	WR	5'11"	183	So.	Farmington Hills, MI
97	Lazarus, Shawn	DL	6'4"	297	Sr.	Canal Fulton, OH
67	Lentz, Matt	OL	6'6"	305	Fr.	Ortonville, MI
21	LeSueur, Jeremy	CB	6'1"	200	Jr.	Holly Springs, MS
95	Mandich, Mike	TE	6'3"	234	Fr.	Miami Lakes, FL
52	Mann, Ross	LS	6'1"	220	So.	Pikeville, KY
58	Manning, Roy	OLB	6'2"	230	So.	Saginaw, MI
88	Massaquoi, Tim	WR	6'4"	220	Fr.	Breinigsville, PA
94	Massey, Patrick	DL	6'8"	240	Fr.	Brecksville, OH
96	Matsos, Chris	WR	6'0"	201	Fr.	New Boston, MI
36	McClintock, Scott	LB	6'2"	239	Fr.	Belle Vernon, PA
14	Mignery, Andy	QB	6'3"	229	Jr.	Hamilton, OH
62	Morgan, Courtney	OL	6'3"	298	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA
49	Moundros, Kirk	FB	6'2"	230	Sr.	Farmington Hills, MI
38	Nasif, Blake	CB	6'0"	191	Sr.	Lansing, MI
16	Navarre, John	QB	6'6"	236	Jr.	Cudahy, WI
6	Nienberg, Troy	K	6'2"	170	Jr.	Ottawa, OH
93	Ofili, Alex	DL	6'3"	240	Fr.	Ypsilanti, MI
53	Orr, Shantee	DL	6'1"	250	Jr.	Detroit, MI
77	Pape, Tony	OL	6'6"	299	Jr.	Clarendon Hills, IL
57	Pearson, Dave	OL	6'3"	283	Jr.	Brighton, MI
97	Perl, Luke	K	6'0"	205	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
23	Perry, Chris	RB	6'1"	235	Jr.	Advance, NC
76	Petruziello, Dave	OL	6'4"	298	Sr.	Mentor, OH
55	Read, Jeremy	LB	6'1"	226	So.	San Diego, CA
56	Reid, Lawrence	LB	6'1"	209	Fr.	Pickerington, OH
92	Rumishek, Dan	DL	6'4"	277	Sr.	Addison, IL
34	Sanderson, Sean	FB	6'3"	280	Fr.	Knoxville, TN
59	Sarantos, Joey	LB	6'3"	208	Fr.	Portage, MI
69	Schoonover, David	OL	6'3"	252	Fr.	DeWitt, MI
22	Shaw, Jon	FS	6'0"	199	Jr.	Coral Springs, FL
25	Shazor, Ernest	DB	6'4"	215	Fr.	Detroit, MI
70	Simelis, Dan	OL	6'6"	278	Fr.	Coraopolis, PA
74	Solomon, Demetrius	OL	6'6"	299	Jr.	Flint, MI
85	Spytek, Dave	DL	6'7"	243	Fr.	Pewaukee, WI
42	Spytek, John	OLB	6'4"	243	Jr.	Pewaukee, WI
99	Stejskal, Andy	WR	6'4"	185	So.	Ann Arbor, MI
79	Stenavich, Adam	OL	6'5"	294	Fr.	Marshfield, WI
13	Stevens, Larry	DL	6'3"	265	Jr.	Tacoma, WA
94	Studenski, Matt	TE	6'4"	190	Fr.	Troy, MI
5	Underwood, David	RB	6'0"	225	So.	Madisonville, TX
46	Upchurch, Nick	WR	5'7"	173	Jr.	Clarkston, MI
32	Wells, Kolby	LB	6'2"	228	So.	Summer Field, FL
12	Williams, Brandon	CB	5'11"	183	Sr.	Omaha, NE
68	Wood, John	DL	6'4"	282	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
99	Woods, Pierre	DL	6'5"	215	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
33	Young III, Charles	WR	5'11"	196	So.	Flint, MI

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	19 **Ronald Bellamy (Sr.)**	9	Tyrece Butler (Jr.)
FL	27 Calvin Bell (Jr.)	80	Braylon Edwards (So.)
LT	62 Courtney Morgan (Jr.)	79	Adam Stenavich (Fr.)
LG	75 David Baas (So.)	73	Joe Denay (Sr.)
C	55 Andy Christopfel (So.)	57	Dave Pearson (Jr.)
RG	67 Matt Lentz (Fr.)	**76**	**Dave Petruziello (Sr.)**
RT	**77 Tony Pape (Jr.)**	**74**	**Demetrius Solomon (Jr.)**
TE	83 Bennie Joppru (Sr.)	45	Phil Brackins (Jr.)
QB	**16 John Navarre (Jr.)**	7	Spencer Brinton (Jr.)
FB	**35 B.J. Askew (Sr.)**	32	Kevin Dudley (So.)
TB	**23 Chris Perry (Jr.)**	5	David Underwood (So.)

Defense (8)

DE	**92 Dan Rumishek (Sr.)**	13	Larry Stevens (Jr.)
DT	**97 Shawn Lazarus (Sr.)**	60	Grant Bowman (Jr.)
DT	**90 Norman Heuer (Jr.)**	60	Grant Bowman (Jr.)
DE	**53 Shantee Orr (Jr.)**	95	Alain Kashama (Jr.)
OLB	**6 Victor Hobson (Sr.)**	42	John Spytek (Jr.)
ILB	36 Scott McClintock (Fr.)	37	Zach Kaufman (Jr.)
ILB	56 Lawrence Reid (Fr.)	43	Carl Diggs (Jr.)
CB	**3 Marlin Jackson (So.)**	21	Jeremy LeSueur (Jr.)
CB	30 Markus Curry (So.)	12	Brandon Williams (Sr.)
SS	26 Julius Curry (Sr.)	**24**	**Charles Drake (Sr.)**
FS	**2 Cato June (Sr.)**	25	Ernest Shazor (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	34	Philip Brabbs (Jr.)
P	39	Adam Finley (So.)
KR	3	Marlin Jackson (So.)
PR	26	Julius Curry (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: John Navarre, 186-346-2,195-12, 17 TDs
Rushing: B.J. Askew, 190 car., 831 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving: B.J. Askew, 24 rec., 213 yds., 1 TDs
Scoring: B.J. Askew, 11 TDs, 66 points
Punting: Adam Finley, 4 punts, 43.3 avg.
Kicking: none
Tackles: Victor Hobson, 72, 60 solo
Tackles for loss: Victor Hobson, 13 for 50 yds.
Sacks: Dan Rumishek, 7
Interceptions: Marlin Jackson, 3 for 0 yds.
Kickoff returns: Marlin Jackson, 6 ret., 20.0 avg.
Punt returns: Julius Curry, 16 ret., 12.4 avg.

2001 Results

S. 1	Miami (OH)	W	31–13
S. 8	at Washington	L	18–23
S. 22	Western Michigan	W	38–21
S. 29	Illinois	W	45–20
O. 6	at Penn State	W	20– 0
O. 13	Purdue	W	24–10
O. 27	at Iowa	W	32–26
N. 3	at Michigan State	L	24–26
N. 10	Minnesota	W	31–10
N. 17	at Wisconsin	W	20–17
N. 24	Ohio State	L	20–26
J. 1	Tennessee#	L	17–45

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2002 Signees

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Jason Avant WR 6'2" 200 Chicago, IL
Hampered by injuries his senior year. Caught 64 passes for 957 yards and 12 TDs in only four games. Also had eight INTs and 57 tackles.

Willis Barringer II DB 6'0" 195 Toledo, OH
Ranked by *Rivals100.com* as the No. 27 CB in the nation and the No. 49 best prospect in the Midwest by Tom Lemming.

Tom Berishaj OL 6'5" 299 Sterling Heights, MI
Rated the No. 4 strong tackle in the nation by Max Emfinger. A first-team all-state pick.

Rondell Biggs DE 6'5" 265 Southfield, MI
Recorded 80 tackles and 11 sacks as a senior. Rated the No. 13 prospect in the state by the *Detroit News*.

Mark Bihl OL 6'4" 260 Wash. Court, OH
Ranked the No. 77 prospect in the Midwest Region by *SuperPrep*. Named Buckeye Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Steve Breaston WR 6'2" 170 Pittsburgh, PA
High school QB who will play WR. Ranked No. 3 athlete in the nation by *SuperPrep*. Max Emfinger's No. 2 "running quarterback" in the country.

William Cooper DB 6'1" 180 Flint, MI
Rated the No. 14 prospect in the Midwest Region by *SuperPrep*. Had 45 tackles and six INTs as a senior.

Matt Gutierrez QB 6'4" 210 Concord, CA
Tom Lemming's No. 26 overall prospect in the nation. Completed 60-of-96 passes for 1,145 yards and 14 TDs.

David Harris LB 6'2 240 Grand Rapids, MI
Holds high school's record with 155 tackles in a season. Rated No. 35 prospect in the Midwest Region by *SuperPrep*.

Larry Harrison DL 6'3" 275 Detroit, MI
Rated by *Rivals100.com* as the No. 16 DT in the nation.

Darnell Hood RB 5'10" 186 Detroit, MI
In 10 games, rushed for 1,677 yards and 22 TDs. Rated the No. 7 all-purpose back by *Rivals100.com*.

Mike Kolodziej OT 6'7" 280 Joliet, IL
Played TE and DE in HS but is expected to play tackle at Michigan. Recorded 80 tackles in 2001.

Quinton McCoy DB 5'10" 170 Chandler, AZ
Rated by *SuperPrep* as the No. 9 DB in the country. Runs a 4.3 40-yard dash and 10.3 100 meters.

Kevin Murphy TE 6'6" 230 Grand Rapids, MI
SuperPrep's No. 7 TE and No. 20 overall prospect in the Midwest Region. A two-time all-state performer.

Pierre Rembert RB 6'1" 200 Cudahy, WI
Rushed for 2,190 yards and 29 TDs as a senior. Ranked the No. 16 RB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Rueben Riley OL 6'5" 288 Grand Rapids, MI
Ranked by Tom Lemming as the No. 33 prospect in the Midwest. Earned all-state and all-conference honors.

Jacob Stewart DB 6'0" 195 Ypsilanti, MI
Originally signed with Michigan in 2001. Played last season at Bridgton Academy in Maine.

Carl Tabb WR 6'2" 170 Ann Arbor, MI
Totaled 400 yards receiving as a senior after team changed to run-style offense. Rated by *SuperPrep* as the No. 17 WR in the nation.

Brian Thompson TE/LB 6'3" 215 Saginaw, MI
Rated as the No. 14 in-state prospect by the *Detroit News*. Combined for 220 tackles in his final two seasons.

Jeremy Van Alstyne LB 6'4" 235 Greenwood, IN
Initially committed to Notre Dame before coaching change. Collected 181 tackles (11 for a loss) and nine sacks as a senior.

Gabriel Watson DL 6'4" 334 Novi, MI
Rated by Max Emfinger as the No. 1 strong guard in the nation. Rated by Tom Lemming as the No. 23 overall prospect.

Michigan State Spartans

Big Ten Prediction: 4th
National Forecast: #21

If Michigan State ever had a turning-point season, this is probably it. Spartan fans have waited a long time for their team to possess a pass-catch combination like Jeff Smoker and Charles Rogers. With a soft schedule and improved depth, it will be a disappointment if the Spartans do not climb into Big Ten title contention.

"Our expectations in the program are a lot higher," Michigan State coach Bobby Williams says. "The guys on this team know that they can compete and play with anyone. We have a chance to take this program to the next level."

Michigan State will have to overcome question marks at tailback and in the pass rush to do it.

quarterbacks

Smoker enjoyed a sizzling finish, passing for more than 300 yards in each of his last three games. His arm strength and understanding of the offense have improved. "Jeff is way ahead of where he was a year ago," says long-time Michigan State offensive coordinator Morris Watts. "Our depth at that position is better than in any of the years that I've been here."

Damon Dowdell replaced the injured Smoker and threw for 304 yards in a turnover-plagued loss at Purdue. Dowdell has quick feet and a strong arm. Aaron Alexander has similar talent. The backups are working to learn an expanded offensive package that is designed to accentuate Smoker's skill and experience.

running backs

T.J. Duckett's early entry in the NFL Draft created a void. Dawan Moss, a two-year starter at fullback, shed more than 20 pounds and nailed down the starting tailback job in the spring.

"You are going to miss T.J. but you won't miss him as much as you might think," says running backs coach Reggie Mitchell. "In Dawan we have a Big Ten-caliber running back and our running game shouldn't drop off that much."

Mike McConnell and Shawn Foster are a pair of speedy backups with unproductive pasts. They were inconsistent in the spring. Incoming freshman David Richard has a blue-chip pedigree.

The Spartans are low on fullbacks. Jason Bradley missed the spring after a knee injury in November.

receivers

Rogers has the look of a high first-round draft pick. He is one of the tallest receivers in the Big Ten and probably the fastest. Rogers' job will be tougher if the Spartans cannot support him with a solid running game and a couple of other receiving threats.

"Everybody is going to try to keep him from making plays," says Watts. "We have to be good enough at other places that they pay a price for it."

The Spartans' other receivers were behind schedule in spring practice. Slippery Ziehl Kavanaght had some productive scrimmages, but lacked consistency. Tall B.J. Lovett is still learning. Youngsters Robert Strickland and Ben Steckler ooze potential but have not earned trust.

Eric Knott heads a deep cast of young, talented tight ends. They will see the ball.

offensive linemen

The Spartans return seven players with starting experience. Each has struggled to achieve consistency. But the boys are turning into men, which should make a difference.

Center Brian Ottney, finally near 100 percent health, is a nasty All-Big Ten candidate. The right side of the line is athletic with guard William Whitticker and Steve Stewart.



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Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a BCS Bowl

Obviously, the Spartans must stay healthy — something they haven't done since 1999. The Spartans have fewer preseason question marks than they did in 1999, when they rallied to a 10–2 record and a No. 7 ranking. That year, walk-on Lloyd Clemons came out of nowhere to rush for 854 yards in succeeding Sedrick Irvin. Dawan Moss must do the same, with help from a maturing offensive line that must rise above its enigmatic past. Moss also needs a quality backup. One of the support receivers must emerge as a threat to go along with Charles Rogers. Seth Mitchell has to be healthy at middle linebacker and limit his mistakes. A pleasant surprise or two in the pass rush would put the Spartans squarely into Big Ten title contention. Clifford Dukes, Greg Taplin, Matthias Askew and Mike Labinjo are capable.

2002 Schedule

A. 31	Eastern Michigan	W
S. 7	Rice	W
S. 14	California	W
S. 21	Notre Dame	W
S. 28	Northwestern	W
O. 12	**at Iowa**	*
O. 19	Minnesota	W
O. 26	**Wisconsin**	*
N. 2	**at Michigan**	*
N. 9	at Indiana	W
N. 16	Purdue	W
N. 23	**at Penn State**	*

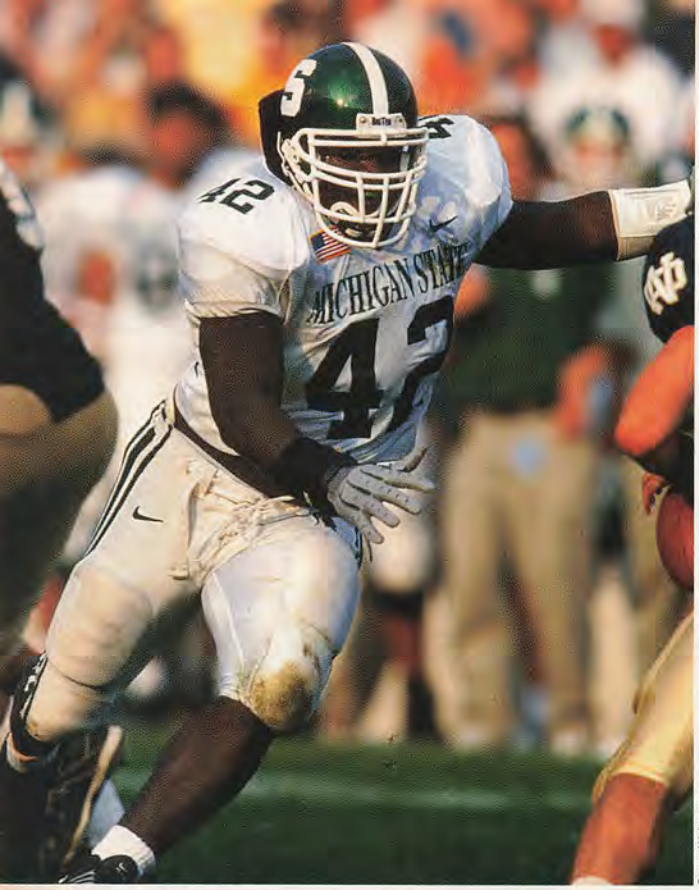
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Jeff Smoker: 2,203 yards passing, 18 TDs in 2001

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Charles Rogers



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Mike Labinjo

Whitticker needs to improve his strength. Stewart is solid.

Left tackle Ulish Booker had equal numbers of good and mediocre performances. He missed the spring after undergoing minor knee surgery. He is being pushed by Stefon Wheeler, one of the more impressive youngsters on the team.

45, 589 The number of points and yards Michigan State averaged in its last three games. Jeff Smoker became healthy, meshed with Charles Rogers and the line jelled.

The competition between Joe Tate and Paul Harker, who have 18 starts between them, should yield a quality left guard.

The line is probably a year away from its best football, but the Spartans are hoping for dominance in the trenches right now.

defensive linemen

Michigan State has no seniors in the two-deep and will start at least two sophomores. However, it would not take a miracle for the defensive line to become a positive. There is talent.

Steady defensive tackle Kyle Rasmussen is a contender for league honors. His partner, Kevin Vickerson, was pressed into starting duty last year as a true freshman and showed burst. Michigan State coaches say he has NFL potential. Matthias Askew, the top young defensive lineman in the program, started as a true freshman before being lost to a wrist injury. He is getting a look at defensive end. He is capable of being productive inside or outside.

At defensive end, Greg Taplin has eight career starts but only one sack. The coaches like Clifford Dukes' speed on the edge, but he has had trouble staying healthy. Young Darrell Hamilton is the fastest defensive end, but lacks size and strength. Dominick Brown is a horse and appears to have a positive attitude for the first time. "We have not had a dominant pass rusher for two seasons," Williams says.

linebackers

Strong-side 'backer Mike Labinjo is powerful and excitable. He had five sacks and 16 tackles for a loss as a novice. He focused on his pass rush skills in the spring.

On the weak-side, Ronald Stanley started all 12 games as a true freshman and made his share of mistakes. He can run and hit. He should be a future standout but is not there yet. Small but energetic Monquiz Wedlow is effective in the nickel defense.

In the middle, Seth Mitchell will replace the graduated Josh Thornhill. Mitchell is a punishing prospect but has battled health problems in his young career.

After the top four, Michigan State is dangerously thin.

defensive backs

The Spartans have excellent man-to-man ability at cornerback with Cedric Henry and Broderick Nelson, helping to give Michigan State one of the best secondaries in the Big Ten.

Henry is back after missing a year due to academics. A second-team All-Big Ten performer in 2000, Henry is a hungry difference-maker. "Cedric should be one of the top players at his position in the country," Williams says.

Nelson had five interceptions and was honorable mention all-league. Back-up Roderick Maples finished the Silicon Valley Classic as a first-stringer and cinched the victory by intercepting Fresno State's David Carr. Physical DeMario Suggs is expected to get a sixth year of eligibility and bring seven career starts to the nickel defense.

Strong safety Thomas Wright was honorable mention All-Big Ten and has star potential. Robert Flagg started at free safety as a true freshman but is being pushed by former starting corner Jason Harmon.

specialists

The Spartans' punting game is a huge question mark. Michael Servis was not impressive in the spring. Michigan State may have to rely on an incoming freshman.

Dave Rayner was 7-of-13 in field goal attempts as a true freshman. He has a live foot and should make steady improvement.

Rogers is an excellent punt returner. Henry has turned heads on kickoffs.

RISING STAR

Sophomore tight end **Eric Knott** spent last year as a seldom-used defensive end due to shortages at that position. But he is back on offense, has shed weight, and regained the quickness and ball skills that made him a top recruit.

Outside the Huddle

Maturity A whopping 27 players on the Michigan State roster have started at least one game. This is the result of freshman and sophomore reserves being pressed into first-string duty in 2000 and 2001 due to injuries. In last year's victory over Fresno State in the Silicon Valley Classic, Michigan State started 13 freshmen and sophomores. Another 16 freshmen and sophomores were listed on the second string. Five others, who had spent time in the playing group, were on the injured list.

Flex Offense Look for tight end Eric Knott to occasionally split out as a wide receiver, as the graduated Chris Baker used to do. Like Baker, Knott is a fluid runner with quickness and downfield pass-catching ability. Third-string tight end Ryan Woods has similar skills. This gives Michigan State the capacity to go with two-, three- or four-receiver formations out of the same personnel group.

Mr. Inside Michigan State coaches say Dawan Moss has a better feel for inside running than T.J. Duckett. Moss has had more practice at finding the holes.

Home turf Spartan Stadium will have a natural grass surface for the first time since 1969. All 12 Michigan State games will be played on natural grass, with nine of the 12 in the state of Michigan.

Medical marvel It would take a super-human recovery for Tyrell Dortch to return as a factor at tailback after suffering a broken leg in October. But he is shooting for it. A redshirt is possible.

2002 Michigan State

2001 Record: 7–5
Big Ten Record: 3–5
Head Coach Bobby Williams

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
14	Acchione, Todd	WR	6'0"	167	Fr.	Syracuse, NY
10	Alexander, Aaron	QB	6'5"	195	Fr.	Richmond, VA
95	Askew, Matthias	DT	6'6"	287	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
20	Baker, Brandon	DB	5'11"	181	Sr.	Niles, MI
40	Bazemore, Michael	LB	6'3"	240	Fr.	Philadelphia, PA
65	Booker, Ulish	T	6'7"	305	Sr.	West Haven, CT
47	Bradley, Jason	FB	6'0"	249	So.	Sarasota, FL
60	Brooks, Joe	G	6'3"	287	Jr.	Milwaukee, WI
54	Brown, Dominick	DE	6'3"	260	Jr.	Lansing, MI
29	Bryce, Richard	LB	6'3"	206	Sr.	East Lansing, MI
56	Bury, Brian	C	6'0"	250	Fr.	Marion, OH
53	Campbell, Marshall	LB	6'0"	200	Sr.	Gratiot, MI
10	Christoff, Chris	K	5'8"	175	Jr.	Novi, MI
58	Cooper, James	LB	6'3"	220	So.	St. Louis, MO
87	Cummings, Paul	WR	6'0"	177	So.	Belding, MI
16	Dade, Mandale	K	5'10"	194	So.	Vienna, VA
15	Danhof, J.J.	K	5'9"	176	Fr.	Haslett, MI
64	Davies, Brian	DL	6'5"	237	So.	Farmington, MI
98	Dieckman, Brian	TE	6'3"	233	Sr.	Macomb, MI
34	Dortch, Tyrell	CB	5'10"	197	Jr.	Hoboken, NJ
7	Dowdell, Damon	QB	6'1"	212	So.	Detroit, MI
59	Dukes, Clifford	DE	6'3"	250	So.	Lexington Park, MD
86	Easter, Eric	TE	6'4"	225	Sr.	Bloomfield Hills, MI
56	Eze, Ododiri	LB	5'11"	207	So.	Pontiac, MI
33	Flagg, Robert	S	6'2"	192	So.	Carol City, FL
38	Fortson, Damien	CB	5'11"	170	So.	Ravenna, OH
22	Foster, Shawn	TB	5'11"	204	Sr.	Lansing, MI
66	Gallagher, Chris	DL	6'6"	214	So.	Traverse, MI
35	Goebel, Mark	FB	6'2"	216	Jr.	Milford, MI
93	Hamilton, Darrell	DE	6'4"	236	So.	Detroit, MI
57	Harker, Paul	G	6'3"	297	Sr.	Dayton, OH
25	Harmon, Jason	S	5'11"	188	So.	Ironton, OH
63	Hasbrook, Matt	DT	6'2"	270	So.	Indianapolis, IN
57	Hayes, Matt	LB	6'2"	220	Sr.	Saginaw, MI
37	Henry, Cedric	CB	5'10"	182	Sr.	Sarasota, FL
13	Heppner, Matt	P	6'2"	165	So.	Marshall, MI
30	Herrema, Mitch	FB	5'11"	233	So.	Jenison, MI
26	James, Tim	TB	5'8"	171	Sr.	Milan, MI
82	Kavanaght, Ziehl	WR	5'11"	178	Jr.	Brossard, PQ
4	Knott, Eric	TE	6'3"	257	So.	Detroit, MI
42	Labinjo, Mike	LB	6'1"	254	Jr.	Toronto, ON
6	Lovett, B.J.	WR	6'4"	207	Sr.	Belle Glades, FL
17	Maples, Roderick	CB	5'10"	180	So.	Detroit, MI
15	Martin, Xzavia	DB	5'10"	198	Jr.	Detroit, MI
32	McConnell, Mike	TB	6'0"	203	Jr.	Adairsville, GA
24	McLaurin, Jeremiah	S	5'11"	180	Jr.	Saginaw, MI
48	Mitchell, Seth	LB	6'2"	242	Fr.	Brandywine, MD
67	Monroe, DeMarco	C	6'4"	310	Jr.	Evansville, IN
51	Morris, Chris	C	6'4"	285	Fr.	Lambertville, MI
49	Moss, Dawan	TB	5'10"	236	Sr.	Detroit, MI
88	Mullinder, Luc	DE	6'4"	274	Jr.	Mississauga, ON
21	Nelson, Broderick	CB	6'0"	175	Sr.	Dania, FL
71	Niebylski, Gordon	G	6'3"	300	Fr.	Farmington, MI
55	Ott, Matt	LB	6'2"	235	So.	Rochester Hills, MI
62	Otting, Jared	OL	6'6"	273	Jr.	Novi, MI
73	Ottney, Brian	C	6'6"	309	Jr.	Troy, MI
19	Patel, Amish	QB	6'0"	195	So.	Austin, TX
61	Patrick, Joe	G	6'5"	310	Jr.	Ashley, MI
53	Petterson, Andrew	LS	6'0"	200	So.	Denver, CO
79	Poole, Sean	T	6'6"	297	So.	Flint, MI
81	Randall, Jason	TE	6'5"	245	So.	Muskegon Hts., MI
97	Rasmussen, Kyle	DT	6'4"	270	Jr.	Hadley, MI
16	Rayner, Dave	K	6'2"	209	So.	Oxford, MI
45	Rhoades, Jason	FB	6'2"	224	Fr.	St. Clair Shores, MI
1	Rogers, Charles	WR	6'4"	200	Jr.	Saginaw, MI
23	Rolinski, Jeremy	P	5'10"	165	Sr.	Gaylord, MI
11	Sain, Chris	DB	5'9"	155	Fr.	Grand Rapids, MI
18	Servis, Michael	K	6'1"	198	Jr.	St. Petersburg, FL
92	Simmons, Lonnie	DT	6'3"	288	So.	Columbus, OH
13	Simon, Chad	CB	5'8"	194	So.	Saginaw, MI
36	Smith, Eric	S	6'2"	194	Fr.	Groveport, OH
9	Smoker, Jeff	QB	6'3"	212	Jr.	Manheim, PA
44	Stanley, Ronald	LB	6'0"	220	So.	Saginaw, MI
80	Steckler, Ben	WR	6'4"	196	So.	Huntingburg, IN
77	Stewart, Steve	T	6'5"	310	Jr.	Sandusky, OH
84	Strickland, Robert	WR	6'3"	208	Fr.	Detroit, MI
19	Suggs, DeMario	CB	5'11"	192	Sr.	Toledo, OH
94	Taplin, Greg	DE	6'5"	260	Jr.	Hollywood, FL
68	Tate, Joe	T	6'5"	283	Jr.	Southfield, MI
18	Thompson, Anthony	DB	6'0"	203	Sr.	Detroit, MI
39	Thompson, Nick	FB	6'3"	243	So.	Houghton Lake, MI
37	Trotter, Keith	TB	5'8"	195	So.	Detroit, MI
91	Vickerson, Kevin	DT	6'5"	285	So.	Detroit, MI
85	Walters, Matt	TE	6'2"	241	Jr.	Clackamas, OR
45	Wedlow, Monquiz	LB	5'11"	192	Jr.	Saginaw, MI
72	Wheeler, Stefon	G	6'5"	308	Fr.	Passaic, NJ
76	Whitticker, William	G	6'6"	298	So.	Marion, IN
28	Wilson, Marc	DB	6'1"	182	Jr.	Jackson, MI
75	Wilson, Travis	DL	6'7"	235	So.	East Lansing, MI
89	Woods, Ryan	TE	6'4"	237	Fr.	Florissant, MO
43	Wright, Thomas	S	6'1"	196	Sr.	Lake Wales, FL
96	Yeaster, Greg	DT	6'1"	269	So.	Montrose, MI

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

SE	**1**	**Charles Rogers (Jr.)**	80	Ben Steckler (So.)
FL	6	B.J. Lovett (Sr.)	84	Robert Strickland (Fr.)
LT	**65**	**Ulish Booker (Sr.)**	72	Stefon Wheeler (Fr.)
LG	**68**	**Joe Tate (Jr.)**	**57**	**Paul Harker (Sr.)**
C	**73**	**Brian Ottney (Jr.)**	51	Chris Morris (Fr.)
RG	**76**	**William Whitticker (So.)**	61	Joe Patrick (Jr.)
RT	**77**	**Steve Stewart (Jr.)**	79	Sean Poole (So.)
TE	4	Eric Knott (So.)	**81**	**Jason Randall (So.)**
QB	**9**	**Jeff Smoker (Jr.)**	7	Damon Dowdell (So.)
FB	35	Mark Goebel (Jr.)	47	Jason Bradley (So.)
TB	49	Dawan Moss (Sr.)	32	Mike McConnell (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE	**59**	**Clifford Dukes (So.)**	54	Dominick Brown (Jr.)
DT	**97**	**Kyle Rasmussen (Jr.)**	96	Greg Yeaster (So.)
DT	91	Kevin Vickerson (So.)	95	Matthias Askew (So.)
DE	94	Greg Taplin (Jr.)	93	Darrell Hamilton (So.)
SLB	**42**	**Mike Labinjo (Jr.)**	58	James Cooper (So.)
MLB	48	Seth Mitchell (Fr.)	40	Michael Bazemore (Fr.)
WLB	**44**	**Ronald Stanley (So.)**	45	Monquiz Wedlow (Jr.)
CB	37	Cedric Henry (Sr.)	17	Roderick Maples (So.)
CB	**21**	**Broderick Nelson (Sr.)**	19	DeMario Suggs (Sr.)
SS	**43**	**Thomas Wright (Sr.)**	36	Eric Smith (Fr.)
FS	33	Robert Flagg (So.)	25	Jason Harmon (So.)

Special Teams

K	16	Dave Rayner (So.)
P	18	Michael Servis (Jr.)
KR	37	Cedric Henry (Sr.)
PR	1	Charles Rogers (Jr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Jeff Smoker, 144-230-2,203-7, 18 TDs
Rushing: Dawan Moss, 25 car., 93 yds., 0 TDs
Receiving: Charles Rogers, 57 rec., 1,200 yds., 12 TDs
Scoring: Charles Rogers, 14 TDs, 84 points
Punting: none
Kicking: Dave Rayner, 7-13 FGs, 31-31 XPs, 52 pts.
Tackles: Thomas Wright, 83, 65 solo
Tackles for loss: Mike Labinjo, 16 for 62 yds.
Sacks: Mike Labinjo, 5
Interceptions: Broderick Nelson, 5 for 40 yds.
Kickoff returns: Jason Bradley, 2 ret., 10.5 avg.
Punt returns: Charles Rogers, 18 ret., 8.8 avg.

2001 Results

S. 8	Central Michigan	W	35–21
S. 22	at Notre Dame	W	17–10
S. 29	at Northwestern	L	26–27
O. 13	Iowa	W	31–28
O. 20	at Minnesota	L	19–28
O. 27	at Wisconsin	W	42–28
N. 3	Michigan	W	26–24
N. 10	Indiana	L	28–37
N. 17	at Purdue	L	14–24
N. 24	Penn State	L	37–42
D. 1	Missouri	W	55– 7
D. 31	Fresno State#	W	44–35

#Silicon Valley Classic

2002 Signees

Carlos Alexander — DB — 5'11" 165 — Akron, OH
Played both DB and returned kicks as a prep. Had 48 tackles, broke up 12 passes, and had five INTs as a senior.

Kyle Brown — WR — 6'1" 195 — West Bloomfield, MI
Rated as the No. 43 player overall and the No. 3 WR in the country by *SuperPrep*. Suffered injury as a senior reducing him to 223 yards receiving, 223 yards rushing and six TDs in three games.

Brian Bury — OL — 6'2" 270 — Marion, OH
Ranked as the No. 12 center in the nation by *Rivals100.com*. Graduated high school early and practiced with MSU in the spring.

Kyle Cook — OL — 6'4" 275 — Macomb, MI
Was named to the *Detroit Free Press* All-State Dream Team. Also rated as a pre-season All-America selection by Max Emfinger as one of the nation's Top 15 offensive guard recruits.

Brandon Fields — P — 6'6" 215 — Toledo, OH
All-state performer who has a chance to earn punting duties this fall for the Spartans. Averaged 41.7 yards per punt. Also played both offensive and defensive line.

Jaren Hayes — RB — 5'9" 175 — Lebanon, PA
Rushed for more than 1,000 yards in a pass-oriented offense. Ranked the No. 26 all-purpose back in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

David Herron — FB — 6'2" 235 — Warren, OH
Was lead blocker for 2,000-yard rusher and Ohio State-bound back Maurice Clarett.

Joe Karaska — OL — 6'5" 315 — Southfield, MI
All-region selection by *SuperPrep* and *Midwest Football Recruiting News*.

Steven Kielp — DE — 6'6" 220 — Riverside, IL
Rated as one of the Top 5 players in Illinois by Chris Pool of *Poolrecruiting.com*. Projected to play DE in college.

David Richard Jr. — RB — 6'1" 234 — St. Louis, MO
Played both RB and LB. Rushed for 1,500 yards and 20 TDs and recorded 125 tackles with 15 sacks. Listed as the No. 29 overall prospect in the nation by analyst Tom Lemming.

Clifton Ryan — LB/DE — 6'2" 255 — Saginaw, MI
The No. 8 player in the state according to the *Lansing State Journal's* Catch 22 list. Averaged more than 12 tackles per game as a senior.

Jerramy Scott — ATH — 5'10" 180 — Palm Beach, FL
Rated among the Top 20 all-purpose backs in the nation by *Rivals100.com*. Rushed for 1,089 yards and 11 TDs with 50 tackles as a senior.

Agim Shabaj — WR — 5'10" 180 — Farmington Hills, MI
Ranked the No. 3 player in the state by the *State Journal*. Teamed with fellow MSU recruit Drew Stanton. Caught 60 passes for 1,400 yards.

Drew Stanton — QB — 6'4" 216 — Farmington Hills, MI
A consensus All-American. Threw for 2,600 yards, 31 TDs and only five INTs his senior year. Rated as the No. 8 player in the Midwest by *Midwest Football Recruiting News*.

Matt Trannon — WR — 6'6" 210 — Flint, MI
Top 50 national basketball recruit who will play both sports at MSU. Despite constant double-teaming, still caught 32 passes for 558 yards his senior year.

Matt Walters — TE — 6'3" 245 — Scottsdale, AZ
Enrolled early and will practice this spring after playing two seasons at Scottsdale (AZ) CC.

Derron Ware — DB — 6'4" 195 — Los Angeles, CA
Rated as one of the Top 50 players in the CA/NV/HI region by *SuperPrep*. Helped Dorsey HS to the L.A. City championship with 90 tackles and six INTs.

Ashton Watson — DB — 6'0" 170 — Huber Heights, OH
Considered best CB at the Purdue NIKE camp. Recorded 40 tackles and seven INTs as a junior.

Nate Weber — OL — 6'6" 310 — Los Angeles, CA
Excellent run-block specialist who recorded 158 pancake blocks as a senior. Was expected to graduate HS early and practice with the spring squad.

Where There's Smoker, There's Fire

Entering 2002, Jeff Smoker may well be the nation's hottest quarterback

by Jim Comparoni

A reminder to those who may have forgotten: Jeff Smoker finished last season as hot as any quarterback in America, throwing for 356, 317 and 376 yards in the last three games.

A bad news bulletin for the rest of the Big Ten: He has improved greatly since then. "There is no question that he has taken it up a notch," says Michigan State offensive coordinator Morris Watts.

That's a big statement, considering that Smoker led the Big Ten in passing efficiency, aided by a sparkling 18-to-7 touchdown-to-interception ratio. With upgraded arm strength, expanded offensive knowledge and new stripes as a team captain, Smoker is walking the halls of the Duffy Daugherty Football Building these days as the confident, supportive, fun-loving guy that he always knew he could be.

"I've never had this much fun playing football before," says Smoker.



Scott Boehm

What's not to enjoy? Having monster talent Charles Rogers at wide receiver is enough to make Smoker the envy of quarterbacks all over the country. Smoker will work behind a maturing offensive line and get tutored by the venerable Watts, a country gentleman who sealed Smoker's decision to attend Michigan State over Michigan, Ohio State, Kentucky and North Carolina.

Former coach Nick Saban began Michigan State's recruitment of Smoker. When Saban left for LSU midway through Smoker's senior year in high school, Smoker's main concern was whether Watts was staying in East Lansing as offensive coordinator. Watts stayed and Smoker signed.

"Jeff could be really good," Watts says. "He still has some improvement to go. I'm not ready to hang a big-time tag on him, but he has improved so much and he has the ability to take it now to the next level."

And he may take Michigan State with him. The Spartans are coming off an injury-ravaged 7–5 season including a loss at Purdue when Smoker was out with a shoulder sprain. But pass protection is expected to be better this year, and the Smoker-Rogers combination will be lethal.

HIS TEAM, HIS TIME

Shortly after meeting Smoker for the first time, Watts described Smoker as having what he called the aura of a quarterback. Heading into his junior year, with sole possession of the quarterbacking job for the first time — and the opportunity to set school records and compete for Big Ten titles — Smoker's aura is shining brighter than ever.

"Maybe Jeff's biggest improvement has been his leadership," says head coach Bobby Williams. "He has really taken charge in the huddle. That is something we didn't see from him early last year. It came toward the end of the year, probably in the bowl game, and it has carried on into the off-season."

Smoker passed for 376 yards and three touchdowns in Michigan State's 44–35 victory over David Carr and Fresno State in the Silicon Valley Classic. Graduating Spartan quarterback Ryan Van Dyke took the game's final snap, kneeling down as time expired.

It was Van Dyke's first snap since being effectively lost for the season to a broken jaw at Minnesota in week five. During the final snap, Smoker applauded with joy from the sideline, a stark contrast to the confused feelings he had earlier in the year while watching Van Dyke finish close games against Notre Dame and Northwestern.

Prior to the injury, Van Dyke and Smoker shared the quarterback position. They got along well, and routinely exchanged words of encouragement and pats on the back.

"Jeff probably won't admit it, but deep down inside he wanted that job more than anything," says fullback Mark Goebel, Smoker's roommate. "He would always tell Van Dyke he did a good job, and Ryan would do likewise. But they both wanted the job and they wanted it to be their offense and their time."

Watts was philosophically opposed to a two-quarterback system. But Smoker had yet to take the next step in his development, and Van Dyke had hot moments when given the opportunity in September. Rather than settling into the quarterback role, Smoker had to worry about job security.

"That was occupying a lot of my thoughts and left me wondering, 'What's going on?'" says Smoker. "It was hard, standing on the sideline, watching someone else do what you do best. Ryan was and is a great quarterback but you always want to be on that field. I kept telling

myself, 'I can do it. I can be the one man. I can win these games.'"

Immediately after Van Dyke's injury, Smoker passed for 326 yards in a comeback win at Wisconsin and piloted the Spartans to a victory over Michigan. "Nothing against Ryan at all, but I think it was the point when I was able to take over and play an entire game that things were all uphill from there," says Smoker. "I would be lying if I said I didn't feel a difference. It helped me to focus on the little things of the game, to learn and not have to worry about: 'Oh man, I threw a bad pass.'"

The competition dominated Smoker's thoughts throughout the spring and summer prior to his sophomore season. Now, Smoker sees some positive effects from the battle with Van Dyke.

"I had to prepare myself every single practice to come out here like I was playing a game because the competition was so intense," Smoker says. "I definitely think that created a little bit of a habit. I still approach practice that way even though I don't have to share the spot. That helped me.

"The difference this year is I'm able to try to just move forward now. I realize that I solidified the thing. Now I'm trying to work on little things in my game and improve at everything, all-around, as much as I can."

THE IMPROVEMENT

Smoker has fallen in love with an off-season arm strength drill that Watts taught him. "It's pretty simple, I just throw as hard as I can and keep backing up for as far as I can until I have to put an arc on it," Smoker says. "Once you start having to put on arc on it, you know that's your limit. You start throwing a lot of balls there and move up a little closer. But every time you throw, throw it as hard as you possibly can until your arm starts to get tired and then it's time to quit. The more you throw hard, the more your arm is going to get used to it."

After the Silicon Valley Classic, Smoker's range was 20 to 25 yards without an arc. Now he can flat-line it from just beyond 30 yards.

"I'm trying to work on 35 this summer," Smoker says.

Watts noticed a difference during spring practice.

"He can make throws now that we wouldn't call last year," Watts says. "The deep post, I didn't even hardly call it last year because he just hung it up there too much. He can make that throw now. He threw one this spring and hit Chuck (Rogers) right on a line for a touchdown off the deep post. That ball came out of there and — boom — popped the hands."

Rogers needs a quarterback that can launch rockets.

"Charles gets down the field so fast, you have to throw it so quick and I'm able to throw it a little bit deeper," Smoker says. "I feel I'm able to fit balls into tighter spaces. You kind of have to get used to it. Before I maybe wouldn't have wanted to throw that ball, but now I am going to throw it and be able to fit it through."

Smoker can turn it loose with full confidence, now that his knowledge of the Michigan State system is at a veteran level.

"The biggest area of improvement for Jeff is that he is so much more comfortable in our offense, so much more comfortable with himself, that he is making the right decisions and the decisions are all quicker," Watts says. "When we went into fall practice last year, I'm not sure that he had the grasp that he needed on our offense yet. So the comfort zone wasn't there. You could see from day to day how he struggled. You can see confusion sometimes in the guy's eyes when you are talking to him; I could see that in Jeff. I never see that now."

With eight starters returning on offense, and a quarterback more skilled than perhaps any in school history, Watts is capitalizing by expanding Smoker's responsibilities. At the line of scrimmage, Smoker used to have one or two plays to choose from. Now, Watts is giving him as many as three or four in some situations. Smoker has developed the capacity to handle it.

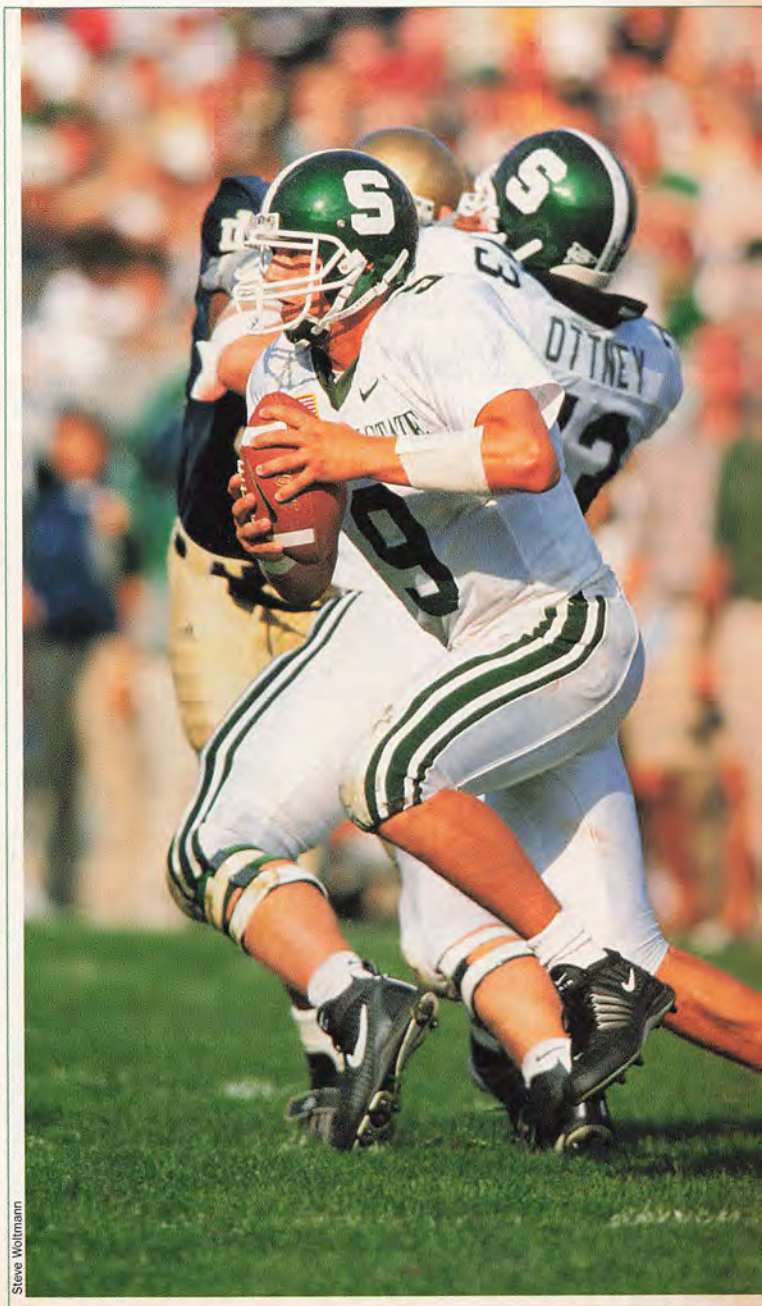
"Things are a little bit more complicated, giving me more choices and more options now that I'm into my third year in the system," Smoker says. "I'm definitely seeing things better now and I think I'm able to pick the best play for what defense they're giving me. It makes me more confident and I think it makes the other guys more confident. We are able to do it because of the experience of the other guys."

Watts is demanding that the other players have an equally proficient grasp of the check system. Those who can stay with Smoker mentally are going to get the most playing time, especially at wide receiver. Smoker is too good to be restrained by an unsophisticated system.

"We haven't held back any," Watts says, "because he is at that point where he needs to keep moving forward. We have thrown a lot at him." And he keeps processing it.

"I play fullback and I have to ask him sometimes what I have to do because he knows everything," says Goebel. "You can tell it's Smoker's team. It's his team."

Just like he always knew it would be.



Steve Woltmann

Minnesota Golden Gophers

Big Ten Prediction: 9th
National Forecast: #67

This is the year when Glen Mason hopes to change what has been Minnesota football history for the better part of 40 years.

Since 1960, the last time the Gophers won the national title, the blueprint for Minnesota football has been constant: show progress, regress, change coaches, repeat.

That's why the 2002 season is so critical for the Gophers. After consecutive bowl seasons in 1999 and 2000, Minnesota stumbled in '01. Instead of reaching a third straight bowl game for the first time in school history, the Gophers finished tied for last in the Big Ten.

But with 13 starters returning, the Gophers should be able to reverse the trend and stop the backward slide. Is this a national title contender? No. The Gophers probably aren't a Big Ten title contender, either. But they are a team that should play in a bowl for the third time in four years.

quarterbacks

Unlike the past two years, there is no question who will be playing quarterback for the Gophers. Junior Asad Abdul-Khaliq enters this season as the clear No. 1 starter after splitting time with Travis Cole.

Abdul-Khaliq is mobile with a strong arm and has matured after sharing the position for the last two seasons. Abdul-Khaliq was as good as any Big Ten quarterback late in the season, throwing for 584 yards and six touchdowns — almost half of his season total — in the final two games. During that stretch he made much better decisions and showed more accuracy than earlier in his career.

"His confidence level is up," Mason says. "It's been a growth process, a development process."

running backs

A year ago Marion Barber III arrived on campus as a potential defensive player. As this season begins, Barber, the son of former Gophers running back Marion Barber Jr., is the team's No. 1 rushing option. Deceptively quick, Barber gained 742 yards while splitting time with Tellis Redmon. Considering that Barber averaged 6.3 yards per carry, it wouldn't be surprising to see his totals increase as the featured back.

Barber will be joined in the backfield by Thomas Tapeh, once a heralded tailback prospect who has since moved to fullback. While the Gophers will still be primarily a one-back team, Mason says two-back sets could be used as much as a third of the time.

Second in the Big Ten in rushing last season, the Gophers will continue to be productive on the ground, and both players can catch the ball out of the backfield.

receivers

Jermaine Mays returns after sitting out last season because of an eligibility dispute with the NCAA. While he isn't the complete package that Ron Johnson was, Mays is one of the fastest receivers in the Big Ten and can break a game open. On the other side, Antoine Burns returns after a season in which he established himself as a solid Big Ten receiver. The knock on the Gophers' two primary receivers has been their consistency.

Tony Patterson, the biggest of the Gophers primary pass catchers, will be the team's third receiver. Junior college transfer Aaron Hosack has the potential to step in and immediately contribute. As a unit, this receiving corps is faster than last season's.

Ben Utecht might be the best tight end in the Big Ten. The former wide receiver is too quick for most linebackers to cover, but at 6'6", Utecht is taller



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Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a Winning Season

The biggest thing the Gophers have to do this season is get off to a quick start in the non-conference part of the schedule. Playing in the Big Ten is difficult enough; the Gophers can't afford another loss to a MAC team. Two years ago, a home loss to Ohio made reaching the six-win mark more difficult. Last fall, an opening loss at Toledo set the tone for the season. If the Gophers can sweep a non-conference schedule that includes games with Southwest Texas State, Louisiana-Lafayette, Toledo and Buffalo, they should be fine — especially with seven games at the Metrodome. On the field, the biggest concern is with the offensive line. The inexperienced interior has to be solid. If that happens, the Gophers should be able to score enough points to win games — even with a defense that features just one senior starter.

2002 Schedule

A. 31	SW Texas State	W
S. 7	at Louisiana-Lafayette	W
S. 14	**Toledo**	*
S. 21	Buffalo	W
S. 28	at Purdue	L
O. 5	Illinois	L
O. 12	**Northwestern**	*
O. 19	at Michigan State	L
N. 2	at Ohio State	L
N. 9	Michigan	L
N. 16	Iowa	L
N. 23	at Wisconsin	L

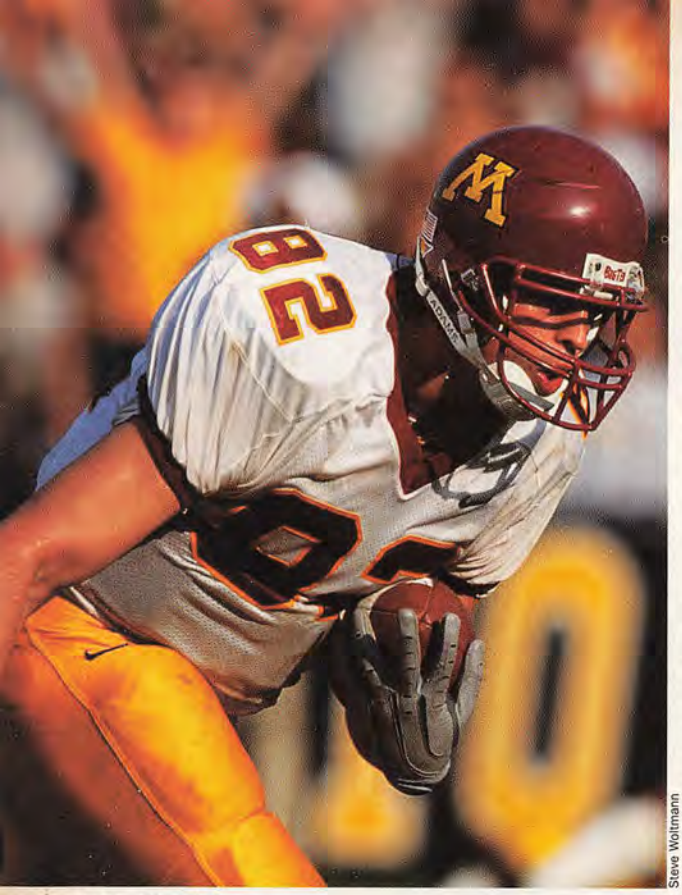
*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
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Marion Barber III: 742 yards rushing as a freshman

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Asad Abdul-Khaliq



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Ben Utecht

and can out-jump most defensive backs. After catching 20 passes a year ago, Utecht is expected to be an even bigger part of the offense this season.

offensive linemen

This area is a bit of mixed bag for the Gophers. There are returning players on the outside, but the interior of the line will be inexperienced.

6.3 Running back Marion Barber III averaged 6.3 yards per carry as a true freshman.

At 6'7" and 352 pounds, left tackle Jake Kuppe is one of the biggest players in the Big Ten. The Gophers' most experienced lineman — he has started 22 games over the last two seasons — Kuppe provides solid pass blocking for Abdul-Khaliq on the outside.

Jeremiah Carter is the only other regular returning after starting nine games at right guard last season. Carter is expected to slide outside to tackle and will play a significant role in the Gophers' outside running attack.

Redshirt freshman Mike Nicholson will be the key to the Gophers' line as he is expected to start at center. Joe Quinn, who Mason says has made great strides, is slated to start at right guard, while Mark McElroy, a promising sophomore, should start at left guard. Redshirt freshman Rob Kraemer, who can play guard and center, will see extensive action for a unit that lacks depth.

"We're putting it together," Mason says. "Hopefully it will be solidified by the end of August."

defensive linemen

This is an area that needs to produce. A year ago, the Gophers recorded just 14 sacks as a team, and no returning player had more than three.

Redshirt freshmen Mark Losli and Charlton Keith will have an opportunity to step in and play at defensive end. Both players have the potential to be outstanding outside pass rushers. Damian Haye and Tony Dupree should also be in the mix.

Inside, the Gophers return Dan Kwapinski, Darrell Reid and Brandon Harston. Improved run defense is crucial as the Gophers were one of just three Big Ten teams to give up more than 200 yards per game on the ground.

linebackers

This might be the Gophers' deepest position. So deep, in fact, that defensive coordinator Moe Ankney promoted the three projected backups to the first team for the spring game.

Terrance Campbell, Ben West and Junior Eugene ran with the first unit while converted cornerback Justin Fraley and returning starters Bradley Vance and Phil Archer were relegated to the second team.

Ankney said the reserves simply played their way into the starting lineup, but that all three positions will be up for grabs when preseason camp opens.

defensive backs

This group might not be as good as the Tyrone Carter-led group of 1999, but the secondary should be among the best in the Big Ten.

Cornerback Mike Lehan is fast enough to cover the top receivers in the conference while playing a physical style of football. Sophomore Ukee Dozier, who made a game-saving interception against Michigan State a year ago, will start at the other corner.

Eli Ward has been moved from strong safety to free safety and will be backed up by Dominique Sims, a former prep All-America selection who has yet to deliver in college. Justin Isom, who saw action at linebacker, cornerback and safety last season, will start at strong safety.

specialists

A year ago, special teams were an adventure for the Gophers. Kicker Dan Nystrom has regressed since making 17-of-21 field goals and a game-winner at Penn State in '99. Last season, Nystrom made just 9-of-15 field goals.

Punter Preston Gruening struggled after being named a preseason All-American. His punting averaged dropped by more than three yards per punt and he was inconsistent.

As a result, Mason signed a combo punter/kicker in Kenny Harper of Hamilton, Ohio. "We've got to get better in the kicking game," Mason says. "That's the reality."

RISING STAR

Junior college transfer **Aaron Hosack** has the best opportunity of any newcomer to make an immediate impact. A 6'6" receiver, Hosack gives the Gophers the big target that they lost with the graduation of Ron Johnson.

Outside the Huddle

Continuity After two consecutive off-seasons in which Mason was a candidate for other jobs — first at Michigan State and Louisiana State in 1999 then Ohio State in 2000 — there was little question who would coach the Gophers this fall. Not surprisingly, Mason might have landed his best recruiting class since arriving in Minneapolis. While there aren't any can't-miss prospects, the class is very solid with good speed and size.

And you are...? In another sign of stability, the Gophers lost just one assistant coach in the off-season. That should help a team that needed nametags after all the changes before last season.

Growing up Only two returning Big Ten quarterbacks had a higher quarterback rating last season than Asad Abdul-Khaliq. Gophers coaches say Abdul-Khaliq is taking his position more seriously than in the past. He's watching more film, working harder and has gained a lot of confidence. Abdul-Khaliq also married his high school sweetheart in the off-season.

Chip off the old block Kicker Dan Nystrom needs just four points to set the school's all-time scoring record. He needs seven field goals to break the field goal mark held by former Washington Redskins kicker Chip Lohmiller.

Where will he play? The Gopher staff is intrigued with incoming freshman Matt Spaeth. He's 6'8" and 240 pounds, but could gain significant weight. Do they want to keep him at linebacker where he played in high school? Could he be a better defensive lineman? Or is he a potential tight end?

2002 Minnesota Roster

2001 Record: 4–7
Big Ten Record: 2–6
Head Coach Glen Mason

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
8	Abdul-Khaliz, Asad	QB	6'0"	201	Jr.	Elizabeth, NJ
31	Archer, Phil	DLB	6'2"	233	Jr.	St. Paul, MN
21	Barber III, Marion	RB	5'11"	195	So.	Plymouth, MN
38	Bass III, Matthew	FS	6'0"	170	Fr.	Miramar, FL
88	Baugus, Scooter	TE	6'6"	248	Sr.	Fort Worth, TX
18	Burns, Antoine	WR	6'1"	193	Sr.	Milwaukee, WI
58	Campbell, Terrance	WLB	6'2"	185	Fr.	Atlanta, GA
69	Carter, Jeremiah	T	6'7"	291	Sr.	St. Paul, MN
34	Demerritt, Diamos	RB	5'11"	197	Fr.	Miami, FL
92	Domin, Ryan	DT	6'5"	273	Sr.	Mahtomedi, MN
25	Dozier, Ukee	CB	6'1"	180	So.	Bradenton, FL
26	Duffy, Ryan	K	6'1"	203	So.	Mequon, WI
46	Dupree, Tony	DE	6'2"	248	Jr.	Jersey City, NJ
83	Ellerson, Jared	WR	6'2"	181	Fr.	Copley, OH
61	Ellman, Richard	OL	6'5"	275	Fr.	Oconto, WI
45	Eugene, Junior	DLB	6'2"	195	Fr.	Miami, FL
33	Fitzpatrick, Renato	FB	6'0"	201	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
12	Fraley, Justin	WLB	6'0"	196	So.	Cleveland, OH
15	Grandas, Robert	QB	6'2"	210	Fr.	Woodbury, MN
65	Green, Jason	DT	6'2"	246	So.	Orange, NJ
14	Gruening, Preston	P	5'10"	201	Sr.	Schofield, WI
29	Hagen, Brandon	FB	6'0"	205	Fr.	Owatonna, MN
71	Hall, Brandon	DT	6'5"	270	Fr.	Detroit, MI
93	Harston, Brandon	DT	6'2"	307	So.	Fort Worth, TX
99	Haye, Damian	DE	6'2"	245	Fr.	Miami, FL
20	Isom, Justin	SS	5'8"	174	Jr.	Huber Heights, OH
23	Jackson, Terry II	RB	5'11"	185	So.	Saginaw, MI
36	Johnson, Demetrus	WR	5'9"	174	So.	Milwaukee, WI
19	Kamrath, Benji	QB	6'3"	207	Jr.	Mayville, WI
16	Kartak, Zack	RB	5'9"	174	Jr.	North Branch, MN
55	Keith, Charlton	DE	6'5"	220	Fr.	Akron, OH
62	Kirkland, Morgan	G	6'2"	280	Jr.	North Branch, MN
64	Kraemer, Rob	G	6'4"	285	Fr.	White Bear Lake, MN
75	Kuppe, Jake	T	6'7"	352	Sr.	Minnetonka, MN
87	Kwapinski, Dan	DT	6'5"	278	Jr.	Fort Ransom, ND
39	Lehan, Michael	CB	6'0"	184	Sr.	Hopkins, MN
96	Logan, Sam	DT	6'2"	220	So.	St. Paul, MN
97	Losli, Mark	DE	6'7"	240	Fr.	Spring Lake Park, MN
1	Matthews, Keith	WR	6'2"	194	So.	Akron, OH
15	Mays, Jermaine	WR	6'0"	190	Sr.	Miami, FL
79	McCulloch, Trevor	G	6'4"	300	Fr.	Brainerd, MN
67	McElroy, Mark	G	6'5"	291	So.	Roseville, MN
76	McIntosh, Matt	T	6'8"	295	Jr.	Hartland, WI
52	McKenzie, Kyle	SLB	6'2"	220	Fr.	Detroit, MI
74	Melander, Rian	T	6'6"	240	So.	Shoreview, MN
60	Nicholson, Mike	C	6'5"	285	Fr.	River Falls, WI
47	Nixon, Paul	DE	6'1"	209	Jr.	Columbus, OH
28	Nystrom, Dan	K	5'11"	200	Sr.	New Hope, MN
90	Oyewo, Tony	DE	6'0"	215	Fr.	St. Paul, MN
4	Parone, Sean	P	6'0"	185	Fr.	Gettysburg, PA
17	Patterson, Tony	WR	6'3"	201	Jr.	Belleville, IL
18	Pomerleau, Josh	DB	6'0"	195	Fr.	Robbinsdale, MN
11	Posthumus, Jarod	QB	6'4"	215	Fr.	St. Cloud, MN
57	Prudden, Peter	LS/C	6'5"	240	Jr.	Wayzata, MN
70	Quinn, Joseph	G	6'4"	292	Jr.	Downing, WI
85	Redmann, Chad	TE	6'3"	237	So.	Burnsville, MN
43	Reid, Darrell	DT	6'3"	238	So.	Farmingdale, NJ
30	Richmond, Johnathan	SS	5'10"	183	So.	Greensboro, NC
87	Salmen, Kevin	TE	6'5"	230	Fr.	St. Paul, MN
73	Sannes, Lance	T	6'8"	330	Fr.	Wahpeton, ND
5	Sims, Dominique	FS	6'1"	200	So.	Minneapolis, MN
41	Stenzel, Eric	DE	6'4"	253	So.	Mankato, MN
44	Tapeh, Thomas	RB	6'1"	228	Jr.	St. Paul, MN
24	Upchurch, Danny	CB	5'9"	170	Fr.	Columbus, OH
82	Utecht, Ben	TE	6'6"	242	Jr.	Hastings, MN
53	Vance, Bradley	SLB	6'1"	211	So.	Calumet City, IL
40	Waldron, Justin	FB	6'1"	216	So.	Pewaukee, WI
86	Wallace, Jakari	WR	5'8"	170	Fr.	Lauderdale Lakes, FL
27	Ward, Eli	FS	6'0"	199	Jr.	Akron, OH
59	West, Ben	SLB	6'2"	233	Jr.	Appleton, WI
13	Williams, Ken	CB	6'1"	175	Fr.	Oakwood Vill., OH
35	Wojciechowski, Mike	SS	5'8"	178	So.	Oak Creek, WI
78	Wymer, Ricky	T	6'8"	321	So.	Westerville, OH

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	**18 Antoine Burns (Sr.)**	86 Jakari Wallace (Fr.)
WR	17 Tony Patterson (Jr.)	1 Keith Matthews (So.)
WR	15 Jermaine Mays (Sr.)	36 Demetrus Johnson (So.)
LT	**75 Jake Kuppe (Sr.)**	74 Rian Melander (So.)
LG	67 Mark McElroy (So.)	64 Rob Kraemer (Fr.)
C	60 Mike Nicholson (Fr.)	64 Rob Kraemer (Fr.)
RG	70 Joe Quinn (Jr.)	79 Trevor McCulloch (Fr.)
RT	**69 Jeremiah Carter (Sr.)**	76 Matt McIntosh (Jr.)
TE	**82 Ben Utecht (Jr.)**	88 Scooter Baugus (Sr.)
QB	**8 Asad Abdul-Khaliq (Jr.)**	19 Benji Kamrath (Jr.)
RB	21 Marion Barber III (So.)	44 Thomas Tapeh (Jr.)
FB	44 Thomas Tapeh (Jr.)	33 Renato Fitzpatrick (Sr.)

Defense (8)

DE	97 Mark Losli (Fr.)	46 Tony Dupree (Jr.)
NT	**87 Dan Kwapinski (Jr.)**	93 Brandon Harston (So.)
DT	**43 Darrell Reid (So.)**	92 Ryan Domin (Sr.)
DE	55 Charlton Keith (Fr.)	99 Damian Haye (Fr.)
WLB	57 Terrance Campbell (Fr.)	**12 Justin Fraley (So.)**
SLB	59 Ben West (Jr.)	**53 Bradley Vance (So.)**
DLB	45 Junior Eugene (Fr.)	**31 Phil Archer (Jr.)**
CB	**39 Michael Lehan (Sr.)**	24 Danny Upchurch (Fr.)
CB	**25 Ukee Dozier (So.)**	13 Ken Williams (Fr.)
SS	20 Justin Isom (Jr.)	30 Johnathan Richmond (So.)
FS	**27 Eli Ward (Jr.)**	5 Dominique Sims (So.)

Special Teams

P	14 Preston Gruening (Sr.)
K	28 Dan Nystrom (Sr.)
PR	18 Antoine Burns (Sr.)
KR	18 Antoine Burns (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Asad Abdul-Khaliq, 107-187-1,393-6, 12 TDs
Rushing: Marion Barber III, 118 car., 742 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Antoine Burns, 30 rec., 470 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Dan Nystrom, 9 FGs, 37 XPs, 64 points
Punting: Preston Gruening, 51 punts, 41.4 avg.
Kicking: Dan Nystrom, 9-15 FGs, 37-37 XPs, 64 pts.
Tackles: Phil Archer, 114, 64 solo
Tackles for loss: Bradley Vance, 6 for 31 yds.
Sacks: Bradley Vance, 3 for 23 yds.
Interceptions: Bradley Vance, 2 for 31 yds., Michael Lehan, 2 for 55 yds.
Kickoff returns: Marion Barber III, 5 ret., 27.2 avg.
Punt returns: Michael Lehan, 1 ret., 11.0 avg.

2001 Results

A. 30	at Toledo	L	7–38
S. 8	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	44–14
S. 29	Purdue	L	28–35
O. 6	at Illinois	L	14–25
O. 13	at Northwestern	L	17–23
O. 20	Michigan State	W	28–19
O. 27	Murray State	W	66–10
N. 3	Ohio State	L	28–31
N. 10	at Michigan	L	10–31
N. 17	at Iowa	L	24–42
N. 24	Wisconsin	W	42–31

2002 Signees

Joe Ainslie OL 6'7" 310 Minnetonka, MN
All-state, all-area, and all-city in 2001. Listed as a top recruit in the state of Minnesota by Tom Lemming.

Trumaine Banks DB 6'0" 175 Columbus, OH
Redzone "Top 50 Players in the Nation" list member. All-conference performer at both DB and WR.

Maurice Buchanan DE 6'5" 235 Minnetonka, MN
Recorded 64 tackles and 10 sacks as a senior. An all-state and all-area performer in 2001.

Eric Clark DL 6'5" 220 Tampa, FL
Played both OT and DE as a three-year starter. Three-time All-Western Conference award winner.

Bryan Cupito QB 6'3" 170 Cincinnati, OH
Ranked as the No. 32 pro-style QB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*. Set Ohio state record with 92 career TD passes.

Guillermo Davis RB 6'0" 190 Belleville, IL
A "Top 26" player in Illinois by the *Illinois Coaches Association Preseason Football Guide*. Selected by *Gridiron Magazine* as a "Midwest Gridiron Great".

Greg Eslinger OG 6'3" 250 Bismark, ND
Named AAA State Player of the Year as a senior. Helped team finish with 12–0 record and a state title.

Brian Goblirsch OL 6'3" 295 Eagan, MN
Earned all-conference and third-team all-metro honors as a senior.

Kenny Harper K/P 6'0" 170 Hamilton, OH
A 2001 all-state, all-area, all-county and all-conference pick. Averaged 42.4 yards per punt as a senior.

Stephon Hopkins LB 6'2" 230 Detroit, MI
All-state, all-conference and all-city honoree as a senior. Recorded 214 tackles over his prep career.

Aaron Hosack WR 6'6" 210 Walnut, CA
Had 65 catches for 1,147 yards and 10 TDs at Mt. San Antonio (CA) JC in 2001.

Pierre Jackson WR 5'11" 178 Chicago, IL
Caught 62 passes for more than 1,000 yards in 13 games as a senior. A two-time all-area pick.

Anthony Montgomery ATH 6'6" 280 Cleveland, OH
All-around athlete who played DE, TE,LB and QB during his prep career. An all-area, all-city and all conference award winner.

Brian Moss OL 6'7" 250 Florissant, MO
Rated as a Top 10 player in the St. Louis area. Made over 100 tackles his senior season (13 for a loss) with four sacks.

Greg Pruitt, Jr. RB 5'10" 190 Shaker Heights, OH
Ranked the No. 14 all-purpose back in the country by *Rivals100.com*. Rushed for 1,854 yards and 25 TDs as a senior.

Mario Reese DE 6'4" 230 Mableton, GA
Totaled 172 career tackles (31 for a loss) and 17 sacks.

Justiss Scales LB 6'3" 225 Columbus, OH
A 2001 all-state, all-county and all-city selection. Totaled 110 tackles as a senior (14 for a loss).

Bobby Scyrus WR 6'4" 200 Houston, TX
Caught 21 passes for 373 yards and three TDs as a senior.

Mark Setterstrom OL 6'3" 270 Northfield, MN
An all-state, all-metro and all-conference award winner in 2001.

Matt Spaeth LB 6'8" 240 Albertville, MN
First team all-metro by the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. Made 203 tackles and eight INTs as a senior.

Scott Stephenson DE 6'4" 270 St. Paul, MN
Ranked the No. 8 DL in the Midwest by *PrepStar* and the No. 51 DE in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Tyson Swaggert DE 6'4" 250 Buffalo, MN
Named MVP on the defensive line in the North Suburban Conference. Recorded 60 tackles (14 for a loss) as a senior.

Brian Sykora TE 6'6" 220 Bloomington, MN
Earned all-state, all-area, and all-conference honors in 2001. Caught 35 passes for 435 yards as a senior.

Quentin White DB 6'1" 190 Gahanna, OH
Four-sport athlete totalled 37 TDs and nearly 3,400 all-purpose yards as a QB. An all-state, all-county, and all-conference performer in 2001.

Northwestern Wildcats

Big Ten Prediction: 10th
National Forecast: #81

Three years into his tenure at Northwestern, coach Randy Walker is finally ready to leave his mark on a program that fell from Big Ten co-champions in 2000 to 4–7 last year.

With a nearly full roster of his own recruits, Walker says the pieces he wants are in place. But gone are the two players Northwestern relied on the most the last two years, quarterback Zak Kustok and running back Damien Anderson, who combined for nearly 400 yards of offense per game last year.

"I knew this day was coming and I prepared myself for it the last two years," Walker says. "I think we have some good players in place. Hopefully they've learned their lessons sitting in the wings and it's their turn to step up."

If Walker can get the new pieces to fit into the old plans, most notably the vaunted spread offense, Northwestern could be a surprise success. The more likely scenario is that the Wildcats will need at least another year to find the perfect fit.

quarterbacks

Tony Stauss was just about the only Wildcats player happy to show up to spring practice and not see Kustok taking snaps.

"Coming back it feels great to get a shot to compete for the starting job," says Stauss, Kustok's strong-armed backup last year. "Guys are looking for someone to step up and be a leader because Zak was a great leader. They are big shoes to fill and I'm trying every day to fit into that role."

More than just providing leadership, Stauss will have to find a way to make up for Kustok's 3,272 yards of total offense last year. He has shown flashes of the talent that made him a top high school prospect and now makes him the favorite to win the starter's job, but he also has been too inconsistent in practices.

Should Stauss stumble, Matt Danielson and Brett Basanez will be right there to take the job from him. Danielson, who backed up Kustok in 2000, has thrown for more career yards (151) than Stauss (136) but has fewer than half the number of completions and attempts.

running backs

A former running back himself, Walker takes special pride in this unit and helped turn Anderson into the sixth-best rusher in Big Ten history. But when Anderson went down with a shoulder injury late last year, Walker got to see what the future held.

Kevin Lawrence, who averaged 5.1 yards per carry as Anderson's backup, was set to inherit the job. But he injured his knee late last season and sat out all of spring practice. That opened the door for a half-dozen other backs, led by Torri Stuckey, Jason Wright, Noah Herron and Jeff Backes.

Stuckey rushed for 127 yards against Illinois in the season finale and was impressive this spring. Backes has perhaps the most talent and also played well this spring, but any or all of the four could see significant playing time. Louis Ayeni, who was injured all last year, also is in the mix.

receivers

Kustok might be gone, but nearly all the players who made him look good are back, making this unit a strength on offense. With all the talent at wide receiver, new offensive coordinator Mike Dunbar will be challenged to find ways to get them the ball.

"We'll make some changes and we'll evolve," Walker says. "We'll run about half the play book, it just probably will



Ric Fogel

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a Turnaround

The Wildcats must work out the kinks in the transition to ambitious new offensive and defensive coordinators. The offense was much further along than the defense at the end of spring, but even the offense has some key holes still to fill. Tony Stauss must erase any doubt that he is the No. 1 quarterback. Likewise at running back, someone must assume the bulk of the load, whether that player is Kevin Lawrence or Jeff Backes. The defense must find answers at key spots. The Wildcats will not be able to out-gun their opponents as easily this year as in recent years. How well the defense plays could be the difference between a turnaround and another season in the basement of the Big Ten. The players wore t-shirts all winter that read "4–7 Never Again." That renewed fire will be vital if the Wildcats are to approach .500.

2002 Schedule

A. 31	at Air Force	L
S. 7	**TCU**	*
S. 14	Duke	W
S. 21	at Navy	W
S. 28	at Michigan State	L
O. 5	Ohio State	L
O. 12	**at Minnesota**	*
O. 19	at Penn State	L
O. 26	Purdue	L
N. 2	**Indiana**	*
N. 9	at Iowa	L
N. 23	Illinois	L

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Jon Schweighardt: 43 catches, 4 TDs in 2001

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Kunle Patrick



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Jeff Roehl

be the other half that we didn't run last year."

Kunle Patrick and Jon Schweighardt are among the eight returners. Both are small in size but are reliable and put up impressive numbers. Providing the height will be Notre Dame transfer Jovan Witherspoon, Roger Jordan and Ashton Aikens. Ronnie Foster also likely will be a key part of the unit. Jonathan Fields looked good during the spring.

4.1 Northwestern averaged 4.1 yards per rush in 2001, a full yard lower than its 5.1 average in 2000. And that was with Damien Anderson.

The unit that has Walker most excited is tight end, where the Wildcats have not had a consistent threat since he arrived. Walker says he plans to make good use of Eric Worley, Trai Essex and Joe Wohlscheid in the spread offense.

offensive linemen

Other than wide receiver, the most heralded offensive unit is the line, which returns All-America candidates Austin King at center and Jeff Roehl at guard. King is a three-year starter, and Roehl, a transfer from Notre Dame, has started all 23 games he has played at Northwestern.

Around those two will fall several solid new starters. Carl Matejka backed up King last year and likely will move to tackle. Matt Ulrich has been groomed for the other guard spot and Bill Newton, Ikechuku Ndukwe and Derek Martinez will compete for the fifth spot.

defensive linemen

Walker knew he had to do something to shore up a defense that allowed more than 200 yards rushing per game. So he hired new defensive coordinator Greg Colby and focused this unit on stopping the run. The line will be young but talented with no seniors on the two-deep and several sophomores who played last year.

Colby Clark received national recognition for his play as a redshirt freshman last year, and sophomores Thomas Derricks and Luis Castillo both played some as well.

Junior Matt Anderson returns from a season-ending injury last year to join classmates Ray Bogenrief and George Woods. Ends Demaris Wilson and Greg Lutzen will compete for playing time.

linebackers

The Wildcats have some key players to replace here.

Taking over Billy Silva's spot is Pat Durr, who topped 100 tackles last year and proved he can be the leader of this group from his new position in the middle.

But like the line, young players will fill the rest of the spots. John Pickens, Doug Szymul, Eric VanderHorst and Braden Jones return to compete for time. Joining the competition will be converted fullback Dan Pohlman, who made one start at linebacker last year, and converted H-back Vincent Cartaya.

Walker says he will stick with a 4-3 base defense but might move a linebacker up as a fifth lineman in certain run situations.

RISING STAR

Although he was listed third on the spring depth chart at running back, redshirt freshman **Jeff Backes** may have impressed enough people this spring to earn significant playing time. Backes was Ohio's Mr. Football in 2000 after rushing for a state-record 3,354 yards.

defensive backs

Two-year starter Raheem Covington leads another young but talented group here. Dominique Price and Herschel Henderson both saw action last year, and Price went on to start four of the last five games. Marvin Ward, Jarvis Adams, Brandon Evans, Frederic Tarver and Sundi Brewer-Griffin will all compete for spots. Mark Roush earned the starting free safety job this spring.

specialists

David Wasielewski, who averaged better than 40 yards per punt at Florida in 1998, likely will take over the punting duties along with placekicking, where Brian Huffman also returns. This was an area of concern during the spring.

Aikens and Patrick are available for return duties.

Outside the Huddle

Moving on, moving up Head coach Gary Walker had to shuffle his lineup of assistant coaches this winter when offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson left for Oklahoma. Having anticipated that possibility, Walker groomed assistant Mike Dunbar for the promotion. On defense, Walker hired Greg Colby away from Kent State to become defensive coordinator and moved Jerry Brown to assistant head coach and defensive backs coach. Pat Fitzgerald, a well-decorated linebacker at Northwestern during the resurgence of the mid-1990s, moved from defensive backs coach to linebackers coach.

Still hurting The Wildcats suffered 12 season-ending injuries last year that crippled their defense and parts of their offense. That injury bug lived through the spring, too, as Vince Clarke, Onaje Grimes, Kevin Lawrence, Gilles Lezi, Ryan Peterson, Rob Shirley and Eric Worley sat out to avoid further injury.

Showing up early Incoming freshmen Alexander Webb and Clifton Dawson got a jump on their classmates by completing their high school coursework early and enrolling full-time at Northwestern for the spring quarter to take part in spring drills with the Wildcats. Webb, a quarterback, and Dawson, a running back, received NCAA clearance to do so. "They're going to be way ahead of the rest of their classmates this fall," Walker said.

Other duties Linebacker Dan Pohlman missed spring practices because he was playing baseball for Northwestern. The outfielder and right-handed pitcher started regularly for the diamond-version Wildcats.

2002 Northwestern Roster

2001 Record: 4–7
Big Ten Record: 2–6
Head Coach Randy Walker

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
23	Adams, Jarvis	S	5'10"	205	So.	Tallahassee, FL
2	Aikens, Ashton	WR	6'2"	195	So.	Detroit, MI
58	Anderson, Matt	DT	6'3"	286	Jr.	Belvidere, IL
34	Ayeni, Louis	RB	5'11"	198	Jr.	Woodbury, MN
28	Backes, Jeff	RB	5'10"	185	Fr.	Columbus, OH
	Bardwell, Ron	DL	6'4"	290	Fr.	Robbins, IL
14	Basanez, Brett	QB	6'2"	190	Fr.	Arlington Hts., IL
54	Baskin, Don	OL	6'2"	296	So.	Naperville, IL
88	Batis, Eric	WR	6'1"	180	Fr.	San Antonio, TX
	Black, Campbell	DB	6'3"	200	Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK
7	Bogenrief, Ray	DE	6'3"	260	Jr.	Cedarburg, WI
13	Brewer-Griffin, Sundi	CB	6'0"	180	Fr.	St. Paul, MN
89	Bruksch, Matt	WR	6'3"	190	Fr.	Crystal Lake, IL
5	Cartaya, Vincent	LB	6'3"	233	Sr.	Miami, FL
94	Castillo, Luis	DT	6'4"	288	So.	Garfield, NJ
97	Clark, Colby	DT	6'2"	277	So.	Austin, TX
75	Clarke, Vince	OL	6'5"	288	Fr.	El Cajon, CA
	Cobb, Erryn	RB	6'1"	225	Fr.	Woodridge, IL
	Cofield, Barry	DL	6'5"	265	Fr.	Cleveland Hts., OH
	Cole, Marquice	DB	5'10"	180	Fr.	Hazel Crest, IL
27	Covington, Raheem	CB	5'9"	182	Sr.	Pine Hill, NJ
57	Crohn, Scott	OL	6'0"	250	So.	Plymouth, MN
19	Danielson, Matt	QB	6'0"	222	Jr.	Rochester Hills, MI
	Dawson, Clifton	RB	5'10"	185	Fr.	Scarborough, ON
70	Derricks, Thomas	DT	6'1"	280	So.	Garland, TX
	Devine, Jim	DL	6'2"	275	Fr.	Jackson, MI
	Dious, Cory	DB	5'9"	170	Fr.	Atlanta, GA
50	Drucker, Lee	LB	5'10"	202	So.	Scarsdale, NY
3	Durr, Pat	LB	6'1"	233	Sr.	St. Charles, IL
	Eaton, Demetrius	LB	6'2"	215	Fr.	Milwaukee, WI
87	Essex, Trai	TE	6'4"	258	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
21	Evans, Brandon	CB	5'11"	182	Jr.	Kennesaw, GA
	Ferguson, Joseph	QB	6'1"	180	Fr.	Overland Park, KS
1	Fields, Jonathan	WR	5'8"	165	Fr.	Sweeny, TX
85	Foster, Ronnie	WR	6'1"	198	Jr.	Peoria Heights, IL
48	Greazel, Tony	LB	6'0"	190	Fr.	Iowa City, IA
59	Grimes, Onaje	DE	6'3"	253	Sr.	Shaker Hts., OH
24	Henderson, Herschel	CB	6'3"	195	So.	Houston, TX
	Herbert, Shaun	WR	6'1"	180	Fr.	Oxon Hill, MD
33	Herron, Noah	RB	5'11"	219	So.	Mattawan, MI
43	Holsen, Bob	WR	6'1"	190	Fr.	Oconomowoc, WI
	Horn, Brandon	WR	6'1"	210	Fr.	Farmington, MI
	Howard, Loren	DL	6'4"	280	Fr.	Scottsdale, AZ
99	Huffman, Brian	K/P	6'1"	202	So.	Schaumburg, IL
	Jenkins, Derell	QB	6'1"	180	Fr.	Bolingbrook, IL
45	Jones, Braden	LB	6'2"	220	Fr.	Harrisburg, IL
47	Jones, Taylor	LB	6'3"	251	Fr.	Gladstone, MO
4	Jordan, Roger	WR	6'3"	215	Jr.	League City, TX
	Jordan, Terrell	RB	5'10"	185	Fr.	Clarkston, GA
	Keenan, Ryan	DL	6'5"	245	Fr.	Westlake, OH
78	Kennedy, Ben	DE	6'6"	271	Jr.	Naperville, IL
62	King, Austin	C	6'4"	284	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
22	Lawrence, Kevin	RB	5'11"	206	Sr.	Montreal, PQ
53	Lee, Adam	LB	6'1"	220	Fr.	Romney, WV
	Lezi, Gilles	FB	6'0"	229	Jr.	Laval, PQ
96	Lutzen, Greg	DE	6'5"	245	Fr.	Pewaukee, WI
	Mansfield, Sean	TE	6'5"	235	Fr.	Alpharetta, GA
74	Martinez, Derek	OL	6'5"	304	Jr.	San Jose, CA
77	Matejka, Carl	OL	6'4"	301	Jr.	Houston, TX
	McDole, Rick	OL	6'6"	310	Fr.	Marysville, OH
	McGarigle, Tim	LB	6'1"	215	Fr.	Chicago, IL
66	Natali, Steve	OL	6'3"	282	So.	Park Ridge, IL
60	Ndukwe, Ikechuku	OL	6'5"	330	So.	Powell, OH
65	Newton, Bill	OL	6'7"	298	So.	Gary, IN
91	Paoli, Adam	WR	5'9"	160	Fr.	Chicago, IL
80	Patrick, Kunle	WR	6'0"	204	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY
52	Peterson, Ryan	LB	6'2"	228	So.	Cardiff, CA
	Philmore, Mark	WR	5'10"	175	Fr.	Reynoldsburg, OH
51	Pickens, John	LB	6'2"	226	So.	Franklin Lakes, NJ
40	Pohlman, Dan	LB	6'1"	234	So.	Barrington, IL
8	Price, Dominique	S	6'0"	205	So.	Jeffersontown, KY
73	Roehl, Jeff	OL	6'4"	299	Sr.	Orland Park, IL
35	Roush, Mark	S	6'0"	191	Jr.	Richmond, VA
6	Schweighardt, Jon	WR	5'11"	192	Sr.	Wheaton, IL
38	Shirley, Rob	FB	6'0"	230	So.	Bloomington, IN
11	Stauss, Tony	QB	6'1"	202	So.	Racine, WI
63	Strief, Zach	OL	6'7"	335	Fr.	Milford, OH
29	Stuckey, Torri	RB	5'11"	197	Jr.	Robbins, IL
49	Szymul, Doug	LB	6'0"	214	Jr.	Des Plaines, IL
25	Tarver, Frederic	WR	6'2"	195	Fr.	Palmyra, VA
92	Thompson, David	DE	6'3"	245	Fr.	Rockledge, FL
	Tripodi, Joe	OL	6'3"	270	Fr.	Chelsea, MI
64	Ulrich, Matt	OL	6'2"	292	So.	Streamwood, IL
46	VanderHorst, Eric	LB	6'2"	235	Fr.	Grandville, MI
31	Ward, Marvin	CB	5'11"	200	So.	Landover, MD
39	Wasielewski, David	P/K	5'10"	229	Sr.	Odessa, FL
	Webb, Alexander	QB	6'0"	190	Fr.	Dallas, TX
95	Wilson, DeMaris	DE	6'4"	245	Fr.	Harvest, AL
9	Witherspoon, Jovan	WR	6'3"	203	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN
86	Wohlscheid, Joe	TE	6'7"	276	Fr.	Grand Ledge, MI
55	Woods, George	DT	6'1"	282	Jr.	La Mirada, CA
84	Worley, Eric	TE	6'4"	252	Jr.	Marshfield, MA
18	Wright, Jason	RB	5-10	198	Jr.	Diamond Bar, CA

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	9	Jovan Witherspoon (Jr.)	4	Roger Jordan (Jr.)	
WR	85	Ronnie Foster (Jr.)	2	Ashton Aikens (So.)	
WR	**6**	**Jon Schweighardt (Sr.)**	**80**	**Kunle Patrick (Jr.)**	
LT	77	Carl Matejka (Jr.)	74	Derek Martinez (Jr.)	
LG	64	Matt Ulrich (So.)	57	Scott Crohn (So.)	
C	**62**	**Austin King (Sr.)**	66	Steve Natali (So.)	
RG	**73**	**Jeff Roehl (Sr.)**	54	Don Baskin (So.)	
RT	65	Bill Newton (So.)	63	Zach Strief (Fr.)	
TE	86	Joe Wohlscheid (Fr.)	87	Trai Essex (So.)	
QB	11	Tony Stauss (So.)	19	Matt Danielson (Jr.)	
RB	29	Torri Stuckey (Jr.)	18	Jason Wright (Jr.)	

Defense (6)

DE	7	Ray Bogenrief (Jr.)	92	David Thompson (Fr.)
DT	**97**	**Colby Clark (So.)**	**58**	**Matt Anderson (Jr.)**
DT	70	Thomas Derricks (So.)	94	Luis Castillo (So.)
DE	95	Demaris Wilson (Fr.)	96	Greg Lutzen (Fr.)
OLB	51	John Pickens (So.)	49	Doug Szymul (Jr.)
MLB	**3**	**Pat Durr (Sr.)**	5	Vincent Cartaya (Sr.)
OLB	46	Eric VanderHorst (Fr.)	45	Braden Jones (Fr.)
CB	**27**	**Raheem Covington (Sr.)**	21	Brandon Evans (Jr.)
CB	**31**	**Marvin Ward (So.)**	24	Herschel Henderson (So.)
FS	**35**	**Mark Roush (Jr.)**	25	Frederic Tarver (Fr.)
SS	23	Jarvis Adams (So.)	8	Dominique Price (So.)

Special Teams

K	39	David Wasielewski (Sr.)		
P	39	David Wasielewski (Sr.)		
KR	2	Ashton Aikens (So.)		
PR	80	Kunle Patrick (Jr.)		

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Tony Stauss, 23-38-136-1, 1 TD
Rushing: Kevin Lawrence, 57 car., 291 yds., 0 TDs
Receiving: Kunle Patrick, 56 rec., 672 yds., 5 TDs
Scoring: David Wasielewski, 7 FGs, 37 XPs, 60 pts.
Punting: none
Kicking: David Wasielewski, 7-13 FGs, 37-40 XPs, 60 points
Tackles: Pat Durr, 103, 61 solo
Tackles for loss: Colby Clark, 10 for 31 yds.
Sacks: Colby Clark, 4, Onaje Grimes, 4
Interceptions: 3 players with 2 each
Kickoff returns: Ashton Aikens, 12 ret., 19.2 avg.
Punt returns: Kunle Patrick, 6 ret., 7.0 avg.

2001 Results

S. 7	at UNLV	W	37–28
S. 22	at Duke	W	44– 7
S. 29	Michigan State	W	27–26
O. 6	at Ohio State	L	20–38
O. 13	Minnesota	W	23–17
O. 20	Penn State	L	35–38
O. 27	at Purdue	L	27–32
N. 3	at Indiana	L	21–56
N. 10	Iowa	L	16–59
N. 17	Bowling Green	L	42–43
N. 22	at Illinois	L	28–34

2002 Signees

Ron Bardwell DL 6'4" 290 Robbins, IL
All-conference performer whose Oak Lawn HS team went 41–3 in four-year prep career.

Campbell Black DB 6'3" 200 Oklahoma City, OK
An all-state and all-conference pick. Rated No. 87 among safeties nationally by *Rivals100.com* and ranked as the No. 16 prospect in Oklahoma.

Erryn Cobb RB 6'1" 225 Woodridge, IL
A first-team all-state, all-area and all-conference selection. Slated to play RB but earned his all-state honors playing DE.

Barry Cofield Jr. DL 6'5" 265 Cleveland Hts., OH
SuperPrep All-Midwest Region. Registered 84 tackles (19 for a loss) and 12 sacks as a senior.

Marquice Cole DB 5'10" 180 Hillcrest, IL
Played WR, DB and returned punts during prep career. A two-time all-state, all-area and all-conference performer.

Clifton Dawson RB 5'10" 185 Scarborough, ON
First-team All-Ontario honoree in 2001. Averaged 14.2 yards per carry with 23 touchdowns.

Jim Devine DL 6'2" 275 Jackson, MI
SuperPrep All-Midwest Region. Named to the 2001 *Detroit Free Press* Dream Team.

Cory Dious DB 5'9" 170 Atlanta, GA
Also played WR in HS, catching 37 passes for 482 yards and eight TDs.

Demetrius Eaton LB 6'2" 215 Milwaukee, WI
A second-team all-state, first-team all-area, all-region, and all-conference selection. Named conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Joseph Ferguson QB 6'1" 180 Overland Park, KS
SuperPrep All-Midlands team. Ranked the No. 15 dual-threat QB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*. All-state, all-metro, all-conference performer in 2001.

Shaun Herbert WR 6'1" 180 Oxon Hill, MD
SuperPrep Top 20 in Maryland. Second-team all-state WR.

Brandon Horn WR 6'1" 210 Farmington, MI
SuperPrep All-Midwest region. All-state (*The Associated Press*, *Detroit News*, and *Detroit Free Press*), all-metro, and all-conference selection.

Loren Howard DL 6'4" 280 Scottsdale, AZ
SuperPrep All-American. Ranked the No. 7 DL in the nation by *PrepStar*.

Derell Jenkins QB 6'1" 180 Bolingbrook, IL
SuperPrep All-Midwest Region. Two-time honorable mention All-state by both *Chicago Tribune* and *Champaign News-Gazette*.

Terrell Jordon RB 5'10" 185 Clarkston, GA
All-county, all-region, all-city and team MVP as a senior. Averaged 135 yards per game and 7.0 yards per carry.

Ryan Keenan DL 6'5" 245 Westlake, OH
SuperPrep All-Midwest Region. During three-year career, tallied 172 tackles, 23 sacks and 14 pass breakups.

Sean Mansfield TE 6'3" 235 Alpharetta, GA
Attended Phillips Academy (MA) as a senior and caught 30 passes for 410 yards and three TDs.

Rick McDole OL 6'6" 310 Marysville, OH
A two-time all-state, all-district, and All-Ohio Capital Conference selection. *SuperPrep* All-Midwest Region.

Tim McGarigle LB 6'1" 215 Chicago, IL
An honorable mention all-state and all-area selection by the *Tribune* and *Sun Times*. Catholic Metropolitan Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Mark Philmore WR 5'10" 175 Reynoldsburg, OH
SuperPrep All-Midwest Region. Caught 81 passes for 1,000 yards and 12 TDs as a senior.

Joe Tripodi OL 6'3" 270 Chelsea, MI
Named an all-state offensive linemen by the *AP*, *SuperPrep* All-Midwest Region.

Alexander Webb QB 6'0" 190 Dallas, TX
Player of the Year by *Dallas People* newspaper. Totaled 2,968 passing yards and 700 rushing yards as a senior.

Ohio State Buckeyes

Big Ten Prediction: 2nd
National Forecast: #13

During a spring charity function, Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel introduced his wife, Ellen, to a crowd of about 1,500 and quipped, "Incidentally, she did not call that pass in the bowl game."

The gathering laughed, even though almost all of them assuredly were disgusted when Steve Bellisari threw a crucial interception in the Outback Bowl that ruined a 28-point comeback. Meanwhile, John Cooper, who happened to be seated next to Tressel at the luncheon, looked on in disbelief.

It was the kind of comment Cooper may have said early in his coaching tenure but certainly would have avoided in his final years.

But Tressel, while not immune to pressure, continues to show he's a cool customer. In his debut season as OSU coach, Tressel posted a 7–5 record, which, of course, is never something to crow about in Columbus. Yet he continues to keep it all in perspective and gain support in his quest to build a championship program.

He also happens to go into the 2002 season with a little extra rope that was earned in a win at Michigan in his rookie season — something Cooper never attained.

quarterbacks

The starter here may be by default. Craig Krenzel endeared himself to Buckeye fans by piloting a win over Michigan in Ann Arbor last season in his first-ever start as a Buckeye, but he was underwhelming in the Outback Bowl and the ensuing spring season.

Similarly built and a more impressive thrower, Scott McMullen doesn't possess the leadership skills or intangibles that Krenzel has.

Many fans believe true freshman Justin Zwick will seize the job during the season, but Tressel insists there is no master plan for Zwick just yet.

running backs

Until things solidify at quarterback, look for the Buckeyes to spread the wealth on the ground. Lydell Ross is the most experienced returning tailback after gaining 406 yards as a 17-year-old freshman, but by no means is he a lock to hog the pigskin.

Freshman Maurice Clarett showed he is the real deal in spring drills and there's no reason to hold him back, especially if you ask him. "I want to be the man every play, basically," he says. "It's no mystery."

If not the most gifted runner, Clarett is the hardest to bring down and should be able to fill Jonathan Wells' shoes as the power rushing threat. On the flip side, OSU can call on burner Maurice Hall, who broke the 4.3 mark in off-season workouts. Also not to be discounted but apparently caught in a numbers crunch is youngster JaJa Riley.

receivers

This spot is a wealth of riches that figures only to be negated if the quarterbacks fail miserably. Wideout Michael Jenkins averaged more than 20 yards per catch thanks to the long ball last year.

Chris Vance is a bona fide outside weapon who lines up with Jenkins, while Chris Gamble is nearly that class. Tressel has compared Gamble to a young Cris Carter. Bam Childress, despite his 5'9" frame, also is ready to break out and show what he can do in the open field.

The Buckeyes also are excited at the depth provided by Drew Carter, Angelo Chattams and John Hollins. The gazelle-like Carter has returned to health after missing all of last season with a leg injury.

Darnell Sanders made a surprise jump to the pros but tight end is in good hands with comer Ben Hartsock.



Joe Robbins

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a BCS Bowl

The Buckeyes should be frisky again on defense but must show a consistent and potent pass rush, especially with unproven corners. Meanwhile, whoever emerges as the signal caller on offense must be able to get the ball spread around to Ohio State's plethora of skill position players, including talented receivers Michael Jenkins and Chris Vance. Special teams can't be discounted either. In a 13-game regular season, the Buckeyes are sure to find themselves in a couple of nail-biters. The field goal woes of last season must be rectified if Ohio State is to reach double figures in the win column. But above all, the offensive line, despite a glaring lack of depth, must hold together and provide holes for runners and enough protection to overcome the inexperience at quarterback.

2002 Schedule

A. 24	Texas Tech	W
S. 7	Kent State	W
S. 14	**Washington State**	*
S. 21	at Cincinnati	W
S. 28	Indiana	W
O. 5	at Northwestern	W
O. 12	San Jose State	W
O. 19	**at Wisconsin**	*
O. 26	Penn State	W
N. 2	Minnesota	W
N. 9	at Purdue	W
N. 16	at Illinois	W
N. 23	**Michigan**	*

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Michael Jenkins: 41 catches, 836 yards in 2001

Al Koolstra



Michael Jenkins



Joe Robbins

Matt Wilhelm

offensive linemen

There was a glaring lack of depth up front last year and the situation is not remedied with LeCharles Bentley and Tyson Walter becoming NFL Draft picks. To make matters worse, starters Shane Olivea and Adrien Clarke, who figure to line up on the left side, lost valuable preparation time in the spring as they sat out to nurse injuries.

Also a bit troubling is the fact that projected right tackle Ivan Douglas is trying to return from a serious medical condition that kept him away from the field for more than a year.

9 Ohio State will play nine games inside its state borders this season, including a season-opening hosting of Texas Tech in the Pigskin Classic and a trip to Cincinnati.

The staff believes Alex Stepanovich can make a successful shift from guard to center. Starter Bryce Bishop returns at right guard but is not a powerful force there.

defensive linemen

It's a different story in the trenches on defense, where the Buckeyes can rotate in plenty of able bodies. But more than staying fresh, the D-line will be charged with setting a tempo for the defense.

Defensive tackle Tim Anderson came into his own last year and should be set for a monster season, even with Mike Collins no longer at his side. In Collins' place will be former end Kenny Peterson, who needs to turn on the lights for his senior year.

"You don't see too many interior lineman as quick as Kenny Peterson," Tressel says. "That should be a real asset for us."

David Thompson also will play a bunch inside, and the versatile Darrion Scott can line up there as well. Scott, though, figures to start at end while Will Smith will take the other side. Smith is a star in waiting, and the wait may be over.

Coming off an encouraging freshman campaign, Simon Fraser also should disrupt things from the outside.

linebackers

The Buckeyes are without captain Joe Cooper and Courtland Bullard, a draft pick of the St. Louis Rams. However, no one is too worried. Matt Wilhelm is back to man the middle and Cie Grant, who in desperation was shifted to corner last year, is back at outside linebacker. On the strong side, Robert Reynolds is ready after paying his dues behind Bullard.

"I don't worry about Robert," defensive coordinator Mark Dantonio says. "He knows it's time for him to come up and be one of the top 11, but believe me he'll be fine."

defensive backs

OSU may have the best safety tandem in the nation with Thorpe Award candidate Mike Doss at strong and the experienced Donnie Nickey at free.

Doss is bucking to become just the seventh player in program history to be named a three-time All-American. His goals reach all the way up to the Heisman Trophy.

The glue to the defense, Nickey has 33 career starts to his credit. He can make plays in the backfield as well as erase mistakes downfield. His heir apparent, Will Allen, is good enough to play regularly. He'll sub in at safety and serve as the Buckeyes' nickel back.

The situation at corner is not nearly as good. With Grant shifted forward and Derek Ross in the NFL, OSU must look to natural safety Dustin Fox and the undersized (5'11", 178) Richard McNutt as starters. Harlen Jacobs is next in the pecking order and could unseat McNutt or allow Fox to play the nickel spot.

True freshmen Tyler Everett and E.J. Underwood will get every chance to see the field as well.

specialists

Possibly the team MVP last season, Andy Groom is back and hopefully so is the magic in his right leg. He was among the nation's leading punters at 45.0 yards per pop and also was adept at producing miserable field position for opponents. Mike Nugent has won over the placekicking duties and needs to become reliable after a debut season in which he was admittedly nervous.

RISING STAR

After winning state and national prep player of the year awards, tailback **Maurice Clarett** graduated early so that he could participate in spring practice, and he showed instantly that he already is one of the most dedicated players in the program — and among the most talented.

Outside the Huddle

Nice to see you The OSU coaches will be glad to welcome several players to fall camp who missed all or most of spring drills due to injury. Among them are middle linebacker Matt Wilhelm, defensive lineman Darrion Scott and arguably the team's top two offensive linemen in Shane Olivea and Adrien Clarke.

Continuity at last For the first time since the Buckeyes finished second in the nation in 1998, the offensive coordinator is not a new face. Jim Bollman is back under the headset, where he works well with Tressel at calling the plays. The stability has to count for something.

Ivan the vulnerable Right tackle Ivan Douglas will be counted on heavily to help stabilize a young and depth-poor offensive line. This is one year after Douglas sat out the entire season with clotting in his lungs, a serious condition which required hospitalization and blood-thinning medication. A healthy, solid campaign from Douglas could provide quite a boost.

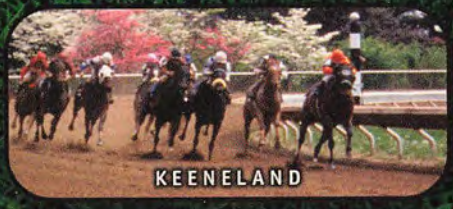
Reinforcements coming Tressel, who arrived from Youngstown State, answered some of the skeptics by pulling in a recruiting class in February the experts collectively picked second in the nation behind Texas. Expect many of the greenhorns to play right away.

Steady wins race The OSU offense was hit-and-miss much of last season partly because the Buckeyes often chucked the ball deep, a strength of Steve Bellisari. Don't look for that to continue. The Buckeyes should opt to keep passes short and simple with protection a concern and a new face at quarterback. Plus, several receivers and backs can make plays out of safer pass routes.



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2002 Ohio State Roster

2001 Record: 7–5 | **Big Ten Record:** 5–3 | **Head Coach** Jim Tressel

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
49	Adams, John	FB	5'11"	210	So.	Springfield, OH
26	Allen, Will	FS	6'1"	190	Jr.	Dayton, OH
54	Anderson, Tim	DT	6'4"	289	Jr.	Clyde, OH
19	Andrews, David	TE	6'2"	225	So.	Bloomingburg, OH
60	Andrews, Kyle	LS	5'11"	245	So.	Middletown, OH
57	Arden, Redgie	LB	6'4"	240	Fr.	Ironton, OH
78	Bishop, Bryce	G	6'3"	312	Jr.	Miami, FL
51	Bogart, Mike	G	6'3"	290	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
91	Bond, Jason	LB	6'3"	240	Jr.	Worthington, OH
19	Boone, Le Andre	DB	6'0"	191	Fr.	Portsmouth, VA
55	Bradley, Joe	LB	6'3"	213	Fr.	Upper Arlington, OH
1	Britton, Bobby	CB	5'11"	194	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
87	Caldwell, Jason	TE	6'4"	255	So.	Mentor, OH
8	Carter, Drew	SE	6'4"	200	Jr.	Solon, OH
14	Chattams, Angelo	FL	5'10"	185	So.	Dayton, OH
3	Childress, Bam	FL	5'9"	180	So.	Warrensville Hghts., OH
13	Clarett, Maurice	TB	6'0"	230	Fr.	Warren, OH
63	Clarke, Adrien	G	6'5"	325	Jr.	Shaker Hghts., OH
59	Conroy, John	OL	6'3"	275	Fr.	Bay Village, OH
20	Conwell, Chris	DB	5'9"	180	Sr.	Shaker Hghts., OH
79	Cook, Ryan	OL	6'5"	305	Fr.	Martinsville, IN
32	Cooper, Marco	LB	6'0"	225	Jr.	Detroit, MI
74	Culver, Bryce	DE	6'4"	217	So.	Lewis Center, OH
36	DeMaria, Michael	TB	5'9"	170	So.	Oregon, OH
2	Doss, Mike	SS	5'11"	204	Sr.	Canton, OH
53	Douglas, Ivan	T	6'8"	305	Jr.	University Hghts., OH
37	Fox, Dustin	CB	6'0"	190	So.	Canton, OH
75	Fraser, Simon	DE	6'6"	250	So.	Upper Arlington, OH
83	Gamble, Chris	SE	6'2"	180	So.	Sunrise, FL
65	Graef, Steve	DE	6'2"	240	So.	Uniontown, OH
6	Grant, Cie	LB	6'2"	220	Sr.	New Philadelphia, OH
94	Green, Marcus	DT	6'0"	300	Fr.	Louisville, KY
18	Groom, Andy	P/H	6'1"	185	Sr.	Columbus, OH
28	Hall, Maurice	TB	5'10"	190	So.	Columbus, OH
80	Hamby, Ryan	TE	6'4"	230	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
4	Harley, Rob	DB	6'2"	202	So.	Elmhurst, IL
88	Hartsock, Ben	TE	6'4"	264	Jr.	Chillicothe, OH
58	Hinton, Dante	LB	5'9"	197	So.	Miami, FL
84	Hollins, John	FL	6'2"	180	So.	Huber Hghts., OH
81	Hooks, Andre	WR	6'2"	205	So.	Canton, OH
7	Hurley, Mike	DB	5'10"	183	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
23	Huston, Josh	K	6'2"	195	So.	Findlay, OH
13	Jacobs, Harlen	CB	6'1"	197	So.	Atlanta, GA
12	Jenkins, Michael	SE	6'5"	200	Jr.	Tampa, FL
38	Joe, Branden	FB	6'0"	245	So.	Westerville, OH
29	Kline, Jesse	RB	6'1"	227	Jr.	Upper Arlington, OH
52	Kne, Mike	T	6'4"	205	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
17	Kolk, Craig	WR	6-1"	192	Fr.	Wayne, NJ
16	Krenzel, Craig	QB	6'4"	215	Jr.	Utica, MI
70	Kuhnhein, Scott	G	6'4"	285	Sr.	Fort Thomas, KY
24	Lee, Maurice	CB	5'10"	178	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
37	Luke, Jamal	WR	5'11"	175	Jr.	Columbus, OH
41	Matthews, Thomas	SS	6'2"	206	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
62	McLaughlin, John	T	6'6"	290	So.	Fairview Park, OH
15	McMullen, Scott	QB	6'3"	215	Jr.	Granville, OH
11	McNutt, Richard	CB	5'11"	178	Jr.	Park Forest, IL
62	Miller, Jeremy	LS	5'10"	200	Jr.	Lewistown, OH
41	Mochon, Aaron	RB	6'3"	245	Fr.	Oregon, OH
3	Moore, Steven	CB	5'10"	185	So.	Columbus, OH
74	Nash, Ben	OL	6'3"	275	Fr.	Westerville, OH
25	Nickey, Donnie	FS	6'3"	203	Sr.	Plain City, OH
85	Nugent, Mike	K	5'10"	170	So.	Centerville, OH
64	Olds, Adam	OL	6'4"	275	Fr.	Dublin, OH
71	Olivea, Shane	T	6'3"	310	Jr.	Cedarhurst, NY
36	O'Neill, Pat	LB	6'4"	230	Jr.	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
18	Otis, Jim	QB	5'10"	200	So.	Chesterfield, MO
46	Pagac Jr., Fred	LB	6'0"	225	Jr.	Dublin, OH
20	Parker, Roshawn	RB	5'11"	219	Jr.	Columbus, OH
42	Pavelka, Steve	RB	5'7"	165	So.	Springfield, OH
97	Peterson, Kenny	DL	6'4"	265	Sr.	Canton, OH
23	Petroff, Scott	WR	5'11"	180	Jr.	Winter Park, FL
44	Reynolds, Robert	LB	6'3"	234	Jr.	Bowling Green, KY
34	Riley, JaJa	TB	6'2"	200	Fr.	San Diego, CA
39	Roberts, Mike	DB	5'11"	178	Fr.	Toronto, ON
30	Ross, Lydell	TB	6'0"	210	So.	Tampa, FL
19	Russell, Matt	K	5'11"	184	Sr.	Napoleon, OH
21	Sander, B.J.	P	6'4"	215	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
92	Schabo, Andrew	P/TE	6'2"	220	Sr.	Worthington, OH
43	Schnittker, Brandon	FB	6'1"	250	Fr.	Sandusky, OH
56	Scott, Darrion	DL	6'3"	271	Jr.	Charleston, WV
93	Smith, Will	DE	6'4"	250	Jr.	Utica, NY
50	Stafford, Michael	G	6'3"	280	Sr.	Upper Arlington, OH
33	Stead, Nate	FB	6'0"	250	Sr.	Marion, OH
76	Stepanovich, Alex	G/C	6'4"	302	Jr.	Berea, OH
95	Thompson, David	DT	6'5"	287	Sr.	Paterson, NJ
24	Trombitas, Matt	QB	6'5"	224	Fr.	Dublin, OH
48	Tucker, Jack	FB	6'1"	235	Sr.	Cypress, CA
86	Turano, Kyle	P/K	6'0"	195	Jr.	Worthington, OH
69	Tyree, Andree	G	6'3"	280	Fr.	London, OH
4	Vance, Chris	FL	6'2"	180	Sr.	Fort Myers, FL
9	Weaver, Bryan	P/DB	5'10"	196	So.	Sunbury, OH
67	Wilhelm, Kurt	LS	6'0"	230	So.	Lorain, OH
35	Wilhelm, Matt	LB	6'5"	245	Sr.	Lorain, OH
52	Williams, Sam	DL	6'3"	237	So.	Middletown, MD
73	Winner, Steve	OL	6'6"	270	Fr.	Dublin, OH
11	Young, Mike	WR	6'5"	205	So.	Middletown, OH

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE	12	**Michael Jenkins (Jr.)**	83 Chris Gamble (So.)
LT	71	**Shane Olivea (Jr.)**	79 Ryan Cook (Fr.)
LG	63	**Adrien Clarke (Jr.)**	70 Scott Kuhnhein (Sr.)
C	76	Alex Stepanovich (Jr.)	64 Adam Olds (Fr.)
RG	78	**Bryce Bishop (Jr.)**	50 Michael Stafford (Sr.)
RT	53	Ivan Douglas (Jr.)	62 John McLaughlin (So.)
TE	88	Ben Hartsock (Jr.)	80 Ryan Hamby (Fr.)
QB	16	Craig Krenzel (Jr.)	15 Scott McMullen (Jr.)
TB	30	Lydell Ross (So.)	28 Maurice Hall (So.)
FB	38	Branden Joe (So.)	43 Brandon Schnittker (Fr.)
FL	4	**Chris Vance (Sr.)**	3 Bam Childress (So.)

Defense (7)

DE	56	**Darrion Scott (Jr.)**	75 Simon Fraser (So.)
DT	97	Kenny Peterson (Sr.)	95 David Thompson (Sr.)
DT	54	**Tim Anderson (Jr.)**	97 Kenny Peterson (Sr.)
DE	93	**Will Smith (Jr.)**	65 Steve Graef (So.)
SLB	44	Robert Reynolds (Jr.)	36 Pat O'Neill (Jr.)
MLB	35	**Matt Wilhelm (Sr.)**	46 Fred Pagac Jr. (Jr.)
WLB	6	**Cie Grant (Sr.)**	36 Pat O'Neill (Jr.)
SS	2	**Mike Doss (Sr.)**	41 Thomas Matthews (So.)
CB	37	Dustin Fox (So.)	13 Harlen Jacobs (So.)
CB	11	Richard McNutt (Jr.)	1 Bobby Britton (Jr.)
FS	25	**Donnie Nickey (Sr.)**	26 Will Allen (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	85	Mike Nugent (So.)
P	18	Andy Groom (Sr.)
KR	28	Maurice Hall (So.)
PR	83	Chris Gamble (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Craig Krenzel, 22-41-282-3, 1 TD
Rushing: Lydell Ross, 119 car., 406 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Michael Jenkins, 41 rec., 836 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Mike Nugent, 7 FGs, 23 XPs, 44 points
Punting: Andy Groom, 44 punts, 45.0 avg.
Kicking: Mike Nugent, 7-14 FGs, 23-25 XPs, 44 pts.
Tackles: Mike Doss, 79, 53 solo
Tackles for loss: Mike Doss, 9 for 30 yds., Tim Anderson, 9 for 33 yds.
Sacks: Will Smith, 4
Interceptions: Mike Doss, 3 for 71 yds.
Kickoff returns: Maurice Hall, 22 ret., 21.5 avg.
Punt returns: Chris Vance, 19 ret., 7.3 avg.

2001 Results

S. 8	Akron	W	28–14
S. 22	at UCLA	L	6–13
S. 29	at Indiana	W	27–14
O. 6	Northwestern	W	38–20
O. 13	Wisconsin	L	17–20
O. 20	San Diego State	W	27–12
O. 27	at Penn State	L	27–29
N. 3	at Minnesota	W	31–28
N. 10	Purdue	W	35– 9
N. 17	Illinois	L	22–34
N. 24	at Michigan	W	26–20
J. 1	South Carolina#	L	31–28

#Outback Bowl

2002 Signees

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Bobby Carpenter	LB	6'3"	240	Lancaster, OH

Rated by *Rivals100.com* as the No. 13 OLB in the country.

Maurice Clarett	RB	6'0"	230	Warren, OH

USA Today National Offensive Player of the Year. Selected by *The Associated Press* as Mr. Football in Ohio. A *Parade* All-American.

R.J. Coleman	TE	6'5"	265	Clarksburg, WV

Earned all-state honors as a senior and was ranked by *SuperPrep* as the top prospect in West Virginia.

Mike D'Andrea	LB	6'3"	240	Avon Lake, OH

Rated by *Parade* as the top prep LB in the nation. First-team *USA Today* All-America selection.

Doug Datish	OL	6'5"	290	Warren, OH

Ranked the No. 5 OL in the country by *SuperPrep*.

T.J. Downing	OL	6'5"	280	Canton, OH

First-team Division I *AP* All-Ohio selection. Father Walt was an All-American at Michigan and an NFL standout.

Tyler Everett	DB	6'1"	185	Canton, OH

Rushed for over 1,300 yards as a junior. Will most likely play DB at OSU.

Roy Hall	WR	6'3"	210	Lyndhurst, OH

Rated by *PrepStar* as the top WR in Ohio and one of the best in the Midwest.

A.J. Hawk	LB	6'2"	230	Centerville, OH

Missed most of senior year due to injury. Ranked as the nation's No. 30 OLB by *Rivals100.com*.

Santonio Holmes	WR	5'11"	170	Belle Glade, FL

Averaged 29.3 yards per catch as a senior. Rated by *Rivals100.com* as the No. 38 WR in the nation.

Mike Kudla	DE	6'3"	235	Medina, OH

Rated by *Rivals100.com* as the No. 18 DE prospect in the nation.

Nick Mangold	OL	6'4"	270	Kettering, OH

Ranked the No. 3 center in the nation by *Rivals100.com*. First-team Division III All-State selection by the *AP*.

Brandon Mitchell	DB	6'3"	190	Atlanta, GA

Ranked by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* as one of the top five receivers in Georgia.

Derek Morris	OL	6'6"	360	Huntersville, NC

First-team *USA Today* and *Parade* All-America pick.

Joel Penton	DE	6'5"	255	Van Wert, OH

AP All-State performer. Registered 119 tackles (11 for a loss) and eight sacks as a senior.

Quinn Pitcock	DL	6'4"	285	Piqua, OH

A second-team All-America pick by the *USA Today*. Ranked the No. 1 DL in the Midwest by *SuperPrep*.

Jay Richardson	DE	6'5"	245	Dublin, OH

Ranked by *Rivals100.com* as the nation's No. 32 DE prospect. Earned first-team Division I All-State honors from the *AP*.

Michael Roberts	DB	5'11"	175	Toronto, ON

Rated the No. 49 DB in the nation by to *Rivals100.com*.

Nate Salley	DB	6'3"	180	Fort Lauderdale, FL

Potential college hoops player who recorded 76 tackles as a senior. Ranked the No. 8 safety in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Tim Schafer	DE	6'5"	250	Upper Arlington, OH

A first-team Division I *AP* All-Ohio Selection. Ranked the No. 12 DE in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Rob Sims	OL	6'4"	290	Macedonia, OH

Ohio Recruiting News ranks him as the No. 17 prospect in the state.

Troy Smith	ATH	6'1"	205	Glenville, OH

Rated by *Rivals100.com* as the No. 13 dual-threat QB in the country. Threw for 969 yards, 12 TDs and rushed for 329 yards as a senior.

E.J. Underwood	DB	6'1"	175	Hamilton, OH

A first-team Division I *AP* All-Ohio selection. Ranked the No. 19 CB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Stan White Jr.	LB	6'3"	230	Baltimore, MD

Selected as the *Baltimore Sun*'s Defensive Player of the Year. Recorded 153 tackles as a senior.

Justin Zwick	QB	6'4"	215	Massillon, OH

Parade All-American. Named Division I co-Offensive Player of the Year by the *AP*.

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Minnesota (+3) 20, Miami 7

THURSDAY NIGHT KNOCKOUT
N.C. State (-7) 35, Indiana 14

PAC-10 GAME OF THE YEAR
Southern Cal (+7) 22, Oregon 24

NFL GAME OF THE YEAR
Giants (-13½) 23, Washington 9

3-UNDERDOG NFL PARLAY
Pats (+10½) 38, Colts17
Lions (+5) 24, Tennessee 27
San Diego (+3) 27, Denver 10

COLLEGE SHOWDOWN OF YEAR
Washington St. (+3½) 20, UCLA 14

MARQUEE COLLEGE GAME OF THE YEAR
Oregon (+2½) 21, UCLA 20

NFL PARLAY OF THE YEAR
St. Louis (-20) 48, Carolina 14
Eagles (-4) 48, Minnesota 17

SUNDAY NIGHT GAME OF YEAR
Seattle (+6) 34, Oakland 27

NOVEMBER GAME OF YEAR
Florida (-17) 37, Florida St. 13

NFL HIGHROLLER BLOWOUT GAME OF THE YEAR
Cleveland (-4) 18, Cincinnati 0

DECEMBER COLLEGE GAME OF THE YEAR
Pitt (-7) 24, Ala-Birmingham 6

MONDAY NIGHT KNOCKOUT
Packers (-3½) 28, Jaguars 21

SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
LSU (+7) 31, Tennessee 20

NFL WISEGUY GAME OF YEAR
Seattle (-6) 29, Dallas 3

NCAA-IAA CHAMPIONSHIP
Montana (-2) 13, Furman 6

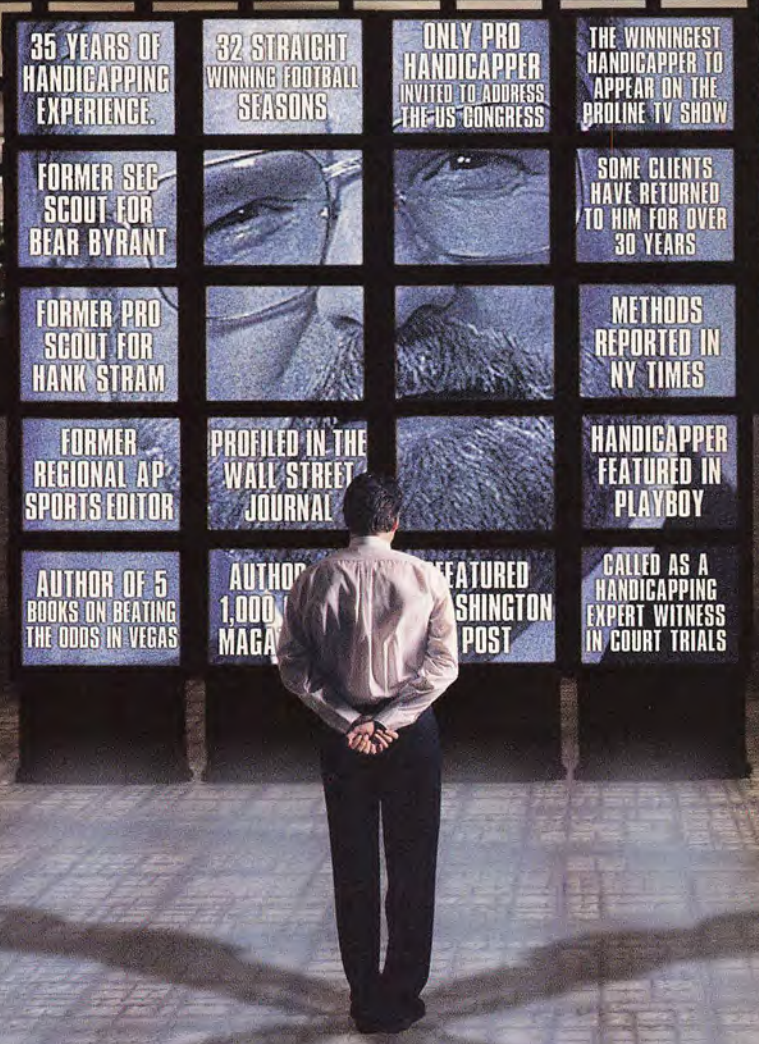
EARLY BIRD BOWL OF YEAR
BC (+4) 20, Georgia 16

COLLEGE BOWL GAME OF YEAR
Tennessee (-3) 45, Michigan 17

NFL WISEGUY PLAYOFF GAME OF YEAR
Oakland (-6) 38, Jets 24

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Q&A with Mike Doss

Mike Doss is making a strong case to be considered the finest defensive back ever to play at Ohio State. The Canton, Ohio, native is a two-time first-team All-Big Ten pick and a two-time All-American. Doss, a 5'11", 197-pound strong safety, was a semifinalist for the Thorpe Award in 2001 and heads into the '02 season as the favorite to win the prestigious award. Doss sat down for a few minutes with *Athlon Sports* to discuss life, football and the upcoming season.

Do you have any interest in playing on the other side of the ball?

Definitely. I'm working over there and fighting for punt returner and kick returner, and our defensive backfield is getting the chance to run routes against our receivers and our own (defensive backs). Coach (Jim) Tressel wants to see who's the best athletes on the team and who can help the team out the most. That's what I'm looking to do, on one side of the ball or both.

Where would you pick Ohio State this season?

First in the Big Ten, and I definitely would consider us a Top 10 team.

Is there a particular team you'd like to meet in a bowl?

Definitely one of those Florida teams. They're great. They've got a lot of talent down there. I would like to meet Miami because they are the returning champions or Florida State or the Florida Gators. It really doesn't matter.

Who do you think is going to be the primary competition in the Big Ten if you had to guess?

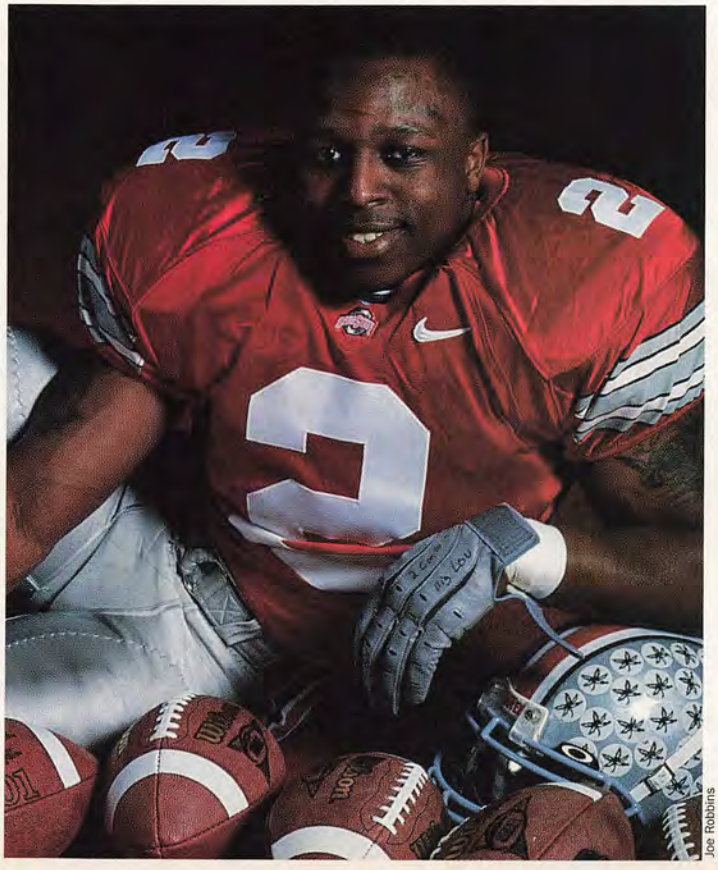
I haven't looked at anything as far as personnel or anything but you know Michigan is going to be there at the end of the season. Wisconsin is going to come hard. Illinois is rebuilding. It's pretty wide open right now, but I hope we can come out and be a notch ahead of everyone else.

How about a surprise team? Have you got any in mind?

Right now I would probably say Purdue. They're a young team and they're trying to bounce back. They had a great defense last year and have a lot of players returning. They might be a team to deal with.

For you, was there a pivotal point in your career?

I would say my freshman year, getting a chance to start against Michigan as a true freshman, being the first defensive back since Antoine Winfield to do so. That just gave me the insight and the confidence that I could play on this level. That was a big point in my life. I remember looking up into the (Michigan Stadium) stands and thinking, 'I'm playing in the biggest one of all.'



Joe Robbins

Do you have a favorite stadium other than Ohio Stadium?

I'd like to go down to Florida State where they do all that stuff for the Seminoles and have that crazy atmosphere down there. But the Big House (Michigan) is definitely up there. That's got to be second to Florida State.

What school would you have gone to if not here?

(Laughs) I would have gone to Michigan. It's hard to say now being a Buckeye, but I would have headed up there. I was a Charles Woodson fan watching him come up through high school, and that's why I chose to wear No. 2.

So why did you sign with Ohio State?

I signed with Ohio State because we were No. 2 in the country my recruiting year (1998), and I felt like I could get a piece of the National Championship. Plus, our defensive backs were going in the first round every year. You can't beat that. Then the idea of playing in my home state with my parents two hours away, I was like, 'Why not?'

How do you like dealing with the media?

The media's OK. I mean, they've got a job to do. Communications is my major and I want to be a sports commentator some day, so I see they have a job to do and they've got to get the game to the fans.



AP/Wide World

Who is the non-athlete you'd most like to have dinner with?

Alicia Keys. I'm really liking her music and she's a very beautiful girl.

So we're watching you, and you're kind of watching us?

At the same time. Yes.

I'm sure you watch the NFL like everyone else. Would you like to see instant replay instituted in the college game the way it's used in that league?

Definitely. You give officials a second chance to watch a key play. They might see the guy didn't catch the ball or they really missed the field goal. There have been a lot of plays in my career here where you think of instant replay. We need that.

Is there an NFL team above the others that you would like to play for?

I've always liked San Francisco, just growing up as a little kid and watching Joe Montana and Jerry Rice win all those Super Bowls. But it doesn't really matter right now. I just want to get there.

As a player, is there anyone you pattern yourself after?

Over the years I got some tape of Jack Tatum, and I remember seeing Ronnie Lott and all those great defensive backs in the NFL of the past. Also, when I got here Damon Moore was an All-American who started three years here. I definitely wanted to come in here and carry the tradition on as far as Ohio State safeties and try to make my mark — or maybe surpass that.

Do you have any other favorite sport besides football?

Basketball. And down here people consider PlayStation II a sport. We play a lot of that.

How is your hoops game? You played in high school, right?

I played a little bit. My game is pretty good. We go down on campus sometimes with the guys and I can get up and dunk with the best of them. (Doss is listed 5'11" but looks up to a 5'10" reporter.)

Do you play golf?

I'm just learning the game right now. I took a class over winter quarter. They say a lot of business deals are made on the golf course so hopefully I can get that game down in a couple years.

Can you cook?

Yes, I actually can. I do everything. So when my girlfriend comes over I'll cook at my place. I do when the players come over, too. You can ask any of the guys. My favorite is to cook homemade nachos and tacos.

What do you like to do, say, in the off-season on a Friday night?

Maybe take my girlfriend out to dinner, go see a movie or just hang out. I'm a kind of laid-back guy.

So you don't have to go out?

No, I don't have to go out. I could sit home and watch TV, play PlayStation with the guys or watch a high school ballgame. I just stay out of the way, stay out of trouble.

FAVORITES

Movie: *Friday*. The first *Friday* with Chris Tucker and Ice Cube.
Music: Hip-hop. R&B.
Training table food: Burgers and fries.
Easiest position in football: Tailback. Just take the ball and run.



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Pro player: Deion Sanders
Athlete: Michael Jordan
College road trip so far: UCLA
Actor/actress: I've got to say Halle Berry and Denzel Washington. Go with the gold.
Musical artist: Jay-Z
Video game: John Madden Football 2002

What would you be doing if you weren't playing football?

Hopefully I'd be graduating by now. I'd probably be a scientist. That's what I really thought I wanted to do when I was growing up because I liked messing around with chemicals.

What would you do for your parents if you could do anything?

I'd buy them a house — anywhere they want in the world.

If you had your pick and money was no object, what kind of car would you be driving?

It'd be the Bugati. It's supposed to come out in 2003 or 2004. It costs around $800,000 to $1,000,000 and has like a V-16 engine.

You would really drive a car that costs that much money?

I would. But I'm a Mercedes guy. The S-600 with a V-12, that's my favorite car. I've been dreaming about driving one of those, too. And one more car, too: The '93 C-Line GT 5.0 Mustang convertible.

How about your dream job?

My dream job would be to just sit in the house (laughs), and just look at my palm pilot to see what money I'm making off of interest in my business. Plus, my dream is to travel the world and see all the different cultures and people all over the world.

If you were the head of the NCAA is there anything you'd change? Is there anything that bugs you about what's in place with college athletics?

What bugs me is all the coaches get paid well, the university makes millions of dollars, but all of the athletes can lose their eligibility for what they term extra benefits, and the reality is we get $2,000 less than the average college student if you look at the numbers. I think they should definitely look at a way to make the players' lives more comfortable.

Penn State Nittany Lions

Big Ten Prediction: 7th

National Forecast: #43

Joe Paterno admits "there is a little more sense of urgency" these days for a Penn State program fresh off consecutive losing seasons for the first time since the prohibition era. Luckily for Paterno, the Nittany Lions received a stiff shot of adrenaline late last fall in the form of rookie quarterback Zack Mills. Yet while Happy Valley may be buzzing over the lefthander who obliterated every PSU freshman passing record, Paterno remains typically cautious when assessing Mills.

"I hope everybody doesn't expect him to come out on a white horse like Joan of Arc," Paterno says. "He is not Joan of Arc."

quarterbacks

OK, so Mills isn't Joan of Arc. But he is the central figure as Penn State attempts to climb back into the Top 25. In the past two decades, PSU used the same cookie-cutter to stamp out one quarterback after another. They were big, strong-armed and usually as mobile as the Nittany Lion Shrine.

Mills is different, posing unique challenges to opponents. He's relatively small (6'2" 215) and lacks the gun of a Todd Blackledge or Kerry Collins. But he throws better on the run than any Penn State quarterback — ever — and is quick enough to the corner to deliver devastating body blows via the option.

"He obviously has a lot of talent," Paterno says. "I think that he is a natural. I certainly do not want to play down his potential."

The keys are improving his decision-making against nickel and dime packages, refining his footwork and keeping a level head amid the hype. As Lion quarterbacks coach Jay Paterno says of his baby-faced charge, last year "if you walked into a class you couldn't pick him out. He looks like Opie. But that's pretty much gone now."

running backs

Also gone is a trio of graduated tailbacks. The departure of Eddie Drummond, Omar Easy and Eric McCoo may well be an instance of addition by subtraction, if only because it forces the staff to feature one back. Joe Paterno admits he blew it by not making Larry Johnson the go-to guy last fall and will compensate by feeding the senior as many as 25 carries per game.

"I think Larry has got to be *the* tailback," Paterno says. "He has to be the leader of the football team and the running game. I think he is ready for it."

Johnson has explosive open-field speed and terrific hands, but he must do a better job of finding the hole. That may be easier to do now that he can settle into a rhythm.

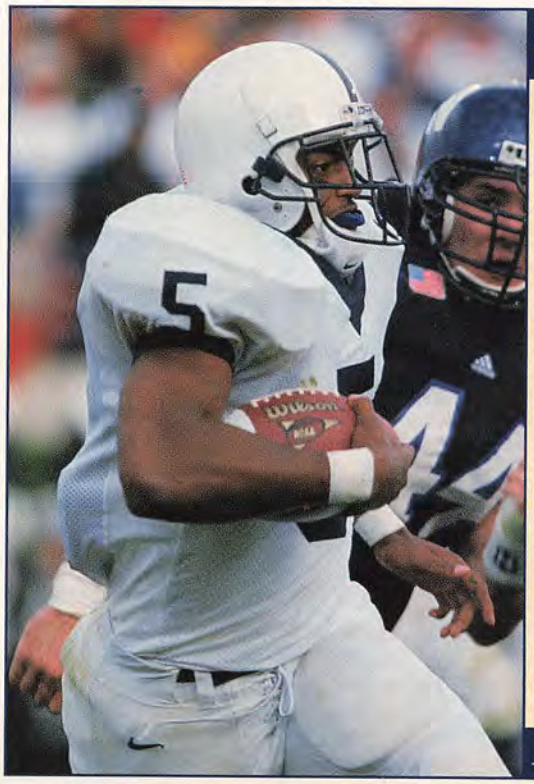
If he goes down, look out, because there is no experience behind him.

Sean McHugh should emerge as the starting fullback. Despite missing most of last season with a broken leg, the converted tight end is big enough (6'5", 264) to guard Mills' blind side against blitzing linebackers. His soft hands will allow the Lions to use him in one-back sets.

receivers

If nothing else, Mills figures to smash the NCAA record for passes completed to Johnsons this year. He'll have Larry coming out of the backfield, with Bryant (no relation) and Tony (Larry's little brother) lining up at wideout.

Bryant is the best of the bunch. He's tall and fast and has the ability to separate quickly from defensive backs. He finally began catching the ball in traffic last season. Tony Johnson is more of a possession receiver and is the team's best downfield blocker.



Brian Ebner

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a Bowl

Penn State is in good shape at the skill positions with quarterback Zack Mills and the Johnsons — tailback Larry and wideouts Bryant and Tony. There is finally an element of stability on the offensive line, which returns three starters. And Penn State just may have the best special teams in the Big Ten; the Nittany Lions return both kickers and have a quality return man in Larry Johnson. Add in eight home games and a return to a winning record seems to be in the offing for the Nittany Lions. But a lack of depth at linebacker and in the secondary will prevent PSU from fielding the type of defense required to compete for the conference title and a BCS bowl. Look for a third straight losing season if Joe Paterno loses either of his two offensive studs (quarterback Mills and tailback Johnson) to injury.

2002 Schedule

A. 31	UCF	W
S. 14	Nebraska	L
S. 21	Louisiana Tech	W
S. 28	**Iowa**	*
O. 5	at Wisconsin	L
O. 12	at Michigan	L
O. 19	Northwestern	W
O. 26	at Ohio State	L
N. 2	**Illinois**	*
N. 9	**Virginia**	*
N. 16	at Indiana	W
N. 23	**Michigan State**	*

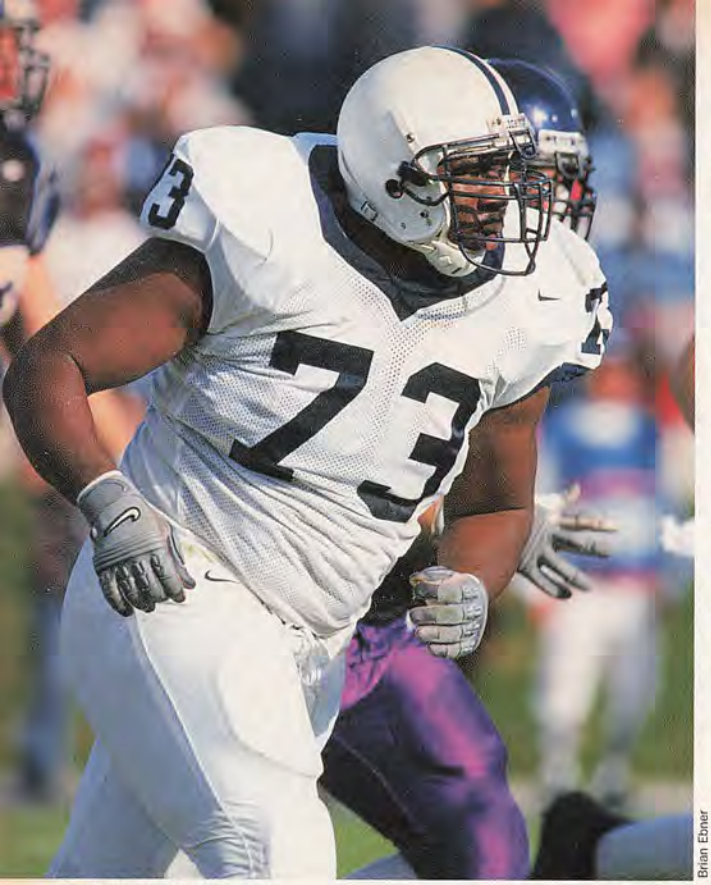
*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss
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Larry Johnson: 337 yards on 71 carries in 2001

Steve Woltmann



Zack Mills



Brian Ebner

Jimmy Kennedy

offensive linemen

With the exception of graduated guard Greg Ransom, the line returns intact. Tackle Chris McKelvy, projected by many to be the next great lineman at Penn State, is big and quick, but he has often drawn Paterno's ire for packing on weight beyond his ideal 315 pounds. Center Joe Iorio is back after mastering the shotgun snap in the first season the Lions used it extensively.

> **6** Joe Paterno was 6 years old (he's now 75) the last time Penn State began a season following back-to-back losing campaigns. The Lions were 2–8 in 1931 and 2–5 in 1932.

There are some questions in other areas, though. Tackle Gus Felder was scrambling to finish his degree in the spring. As a partial qualifier when he arrived at PSU, he must graduate to gain a fifth year of eligibility. Meanwhile, veterans Matt Schmitt and Tyler Lenda are trying to hold back a tide of promising young bucks, four of whom — Tommy McHugh, Tyler Reed, E.Z. Smith and John Wilson — redshirted as freshmen last fall.

defensive linemen

The Lions seem to be loaded here with three returning starters, including All-Big Ten tackle Jimmy Kennedy. But State appeared to be in good shape here last year, too, and it turned out to be potential unfulfilled. Nobody had more than four sacks.

The 6'5", 330-pound Kennedy managed 1.5 sacks and just eight tackles for a loss. He came to his senses after contemplating going pro and will be back for his final season of eligibility. Kennedy has the mass and agility to become a high first-round pick. But to do it, he must improve at shedding double teams.

Fellow tackle Anthony Adams outplayed Kennedy in 2001. He's short (6'0") but surprisingly fast for a 293-pounder. End Michael Haynes has bulked up to 280 pounds. Whether he maintains his speed with the extra beef remains to be seen.

linebackers

The Lions look to improve on an awful showing at linebacker. The corps will be bolstered by the return of Derek Wake, who at 6'3", 240 brings a combination of size and athletic ability these parts haven't seen since LaVar Arrington. Wake blew out his left knee in the '01 opener and redshirted. Deryck Toles, who is limited to 35 snaps per game due to an enzyme disorder, is State's best pure 'backer. Throw in Gino Capone and converted safety Jimi Mitchell, and the staff will have real flexibility at the outside spots. Inside is another story.

The as-yet-to-be-seen Tim Johnson has been injury-prone and was busted for DUI in January. So PSU has taken the extreme measure of moving defensive end Sam Ruhe to the position. While the 6'5", 264-pounder moves well for his size, he's never played from a stand-up stance.

defensive backs

The other trouble spot on defense will be right corner, where coordinator Tom Bradley must replace Bruce Branch.

Bryan Scott and Shawn Mayer are back at left corner and free safety, respectively. And there is a good mix of players at strong safety, even with returning starter Yaacov Yisrael expected to miss the first five games due to a suspension for DUI. Fitting into the hot seat at right corner will probably be junior Rich Gardner. But redshirt freshman Alan Zemaitis will also get a long look.

"Even though we didn't play (Zemaitis last fall), we kept him with the first and second groups (in practice)," Bradley says. "So he did get a lot of reps."

specialists

Robbie Gould, who hit 6-of-10 field goals and all 29 extra point attempts returns. Punter David Royer averaged a career-best 40.6 yards per kick and downed 19 punts inside the 20-yard line.

Larry Johnson will most likely return punts and kickoffs; he averaged 26.7 yards on kickoffs and returned his only punt 55 yards.

RISING STAR

Speedy **Calvin Lowry** graduated from high school a semester early so he could enroll at Penn State in January. With a spring practice already under his belt, he should get immediate playing time in an undermanned secondary.

Outside the Huddle

Where's Matt? Whatever happened to Matt Senneca, the junior QB who split time with Zack Mills last season? He gave up his final year of eligibility so he could graduate and pursue a career in web site design.

Staff intact Staff stability has long been a hallmark of Joe Paterno's program. But the past two seasons were both preceded by overhauls. Don't think that wasn't a factor in the back-to-back losing records. There were no changes following the 2001 campaign, which suited Paterno just fine. "I feel very good about the staff," he says. "The fact that they all stayed shows that we are starting to get some chemistry."

Slash Backup quarterback Michael Robinson is a good enough athlete to play running back, wideout, safety or linebacker. With Mills set to take the majority of snaps at QB, don't be surprised if the coaches use Robinson in a "slash" role to get him on the field.

No snapper State sustained only mild losses to graduation. One hidden trouble spot is at long snapper. Departed defensive end Bob Jones handled the duties last fall. "I'm a little worried," Paterno says of the position.

Home cooking PSU opens with four straight home games. It would have been five had Virginia not asked to switch a Sept. 7 date at Beaver Stadium to Nov. 9 to accommodate a conflict on its schedule. That gives the Lions an open week before their big home matchup with Nebraska Sept. 14.

Bulking up Lanky freshman defensive end Lavon Chisley made the most of his redshirt. He weighed 235 when he arrived on campus in August of 2001 and tips the scales at 262 now.

2002 Penn State Roster

2001 Record: 5–6
Big Ten Record: 4–4
Head Coach Joe Paterno

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
98	Adams, Anthony	DT	6'0"	293	Sr.	Detroit, MI
66	Antolick, Lance	OL	6'3"	246	Fr.	Jersey Shore, PA
28	Baird, Mike	WR	6'2"	194	Fr.	State College, PA
97	Bauer, Greg	DL	6'4"	238	Fr.	Bethlehem, PA
87	Bronson, John	DE	6'3"	270	So.	Kent, WA
62	Buck, Randy	DT	5'10"	280	Sr.	Wilkes-Barre, PA
79	Campbell, Shawn	OL	5'10"	290	Sr.	Mount Pocono, PA
47	Capone, Gino	LB	6'1"	236	Jr.	Ashland, PA
30	Caputo, Ryan	TE	6'4"	266	Fr.	Monroeville, PA
17	Chisley, Lavon	DE	6'5"	262	Fr.	Waldorf, MD
40	Cosby, T.C.	LB	6'0"	225	So.	Baltimore, MD
61	Costlow, Dave	C	6'2"	275	Jr.	Lansdale, PA
29	Cronin, Paul	S	6'2"	212	Fr.	Uniontown, OH
86	Davis, Jeremiah	DE	6'4"	245	So.	Alexandria, VA
54	Davis, Scott	G	6'2"	287	So.	Parkersburg, WV
84	Delich, Steve	WR	6'1"	188	Sr.	Loveland, CO
36	Fairchild, Brian	RB	5'11"	223	Fr.	Aston, PA
99	Falls, Tim	DT	6'3"	280	Sr.	Damascus, MD
72	Felder, Gus	T	6'5"	321	Sr.	Philadelphia, PA
3	Ganter, Chris	QB	6'1"	197	Fr.	State College, PA
58	Garcia, Dethrell	LB	6'1"	223	Fr.	Harrisburg, PA
25	Gardner, Rich	CB	5'11"	187	Jr.	Chicago, IL
26	Gasparato, Mike	TB	5'11"	205	So.	Irmo, SC
22	Gilmore, Pete	TB	5'10"	209	So.	West Lawn, PA
4	Gould, Robbie	K	6'0"	168	So.	Lock Haven, PA
18	Guman, Andrew	S	6'3"	208	So.	Allentown, PA
27	Harrell, Chris	CB	6'2"	205	So.	Cleveland, OH
81	Haynes, Michael	DE	6'3"	280	Sr.	Columbus, NJ
23	Heffelfinger, Aric	RB	6'2"	209	Fr.	Seward, PA
25	Huet, Matt	K	6'2"	183	So.	Natrona Hghts., PA
63	Iorio, Joe	C	6'3"	302	Sr.	Sylvania, OH
39	Jefferson, Paul	FB	6'1"	258	Jr.	Wilkes-Barre, PA
24	Johnson, Bryant	WR	6'2"	210	Sr.	Baltimore, MD
5	Johnson, Larry	TB	6'2"	222	Sr.	State College, PA
51	Johnson, Tim	LB	6'3"	242	So.	Harding Township, NJ
11	Johnson, Tony	WR	5'11"	206	Jr.	State College, PA
76	Jones, Damone	T	6'4"	315	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA
73	Kennedy, Jimmy	DT	6'5"	330	Sr.	Yonkers, NY
95	Kimball, David	K	6'2"	186	Jr.	State College, PA
88	Kranchick, Matt	WR	6'6"	232	Jr.	Carlisle, PA
48	Lago, Ben	DB	6'0"	203	Jr.	Julian, PA
50	Lenda, Tyler	G	6'3"	289	Sr.	Camp Hill, PA
10	Lowry, Calvin	DB	6'0"	195	Fr.	Fayetteville, NC
33	Lukac, Mike	TE	6'2"	246	Jr.	Corry, PA
6	Luke, R.J.	TE	6'3"	255	Sr.	Aurora, IL
19	Lundquist, Tom	QB	6'2"	213	Fr.	Oley, PA
48	Maraire, Munya	WR	5'8"	181	Sr.	Borrowdale, Zimb.
70	Marmo, Nick	OL	6'5"	299	So.	New Castle, PA
23	Mayer, Shawn	S	6'0"	198	Sr.	Hillsborough, NJ
42	McHugh, Sean	FB	6'5"	264	Jr.	Chagrin Falls, OH
56	McHugh, Tommy	OL	6'4"	287	Fr.	Drexel Hill, PA
75	McKelvy, Chris	T	6'3"	325	Jr.	Lansdale, PA
28	Millon, James	S	5'10"	195	Sr.	Wayne, NJ
20	Mills, Marcus	DB	5'11"	158	Fr.	Charlotte, NC
7	Mills, Zack	QB	6'2"	215	So.	Ijamsville, MD
38	Mitchell, Jimi	OLB	6'2"	213	So.	Exeter, PA
67	Nabavi, Jonathan	G	5'10"	255	Jr.	State College, PA
8	Neumyer, Jesse	S	6'0"	209	So.	Mechanicsburg, PA
13	Palmer, Kinta	WR	6'4"	182	Fr.	Kitfield, SC
91	Pawlikowski, Mike	TE	6'3"	247	So.	Holland, PA
41	Paxson, Scott	DE	6'5"	261	Fr.	Philadelphia, PA
1	Phillips, Anwar	WR	6'1"	180	Fr.	Tampa, FL
9	Phillips, Terrance	WR	6'0"	187	Fr.	Sharon, PA
29	Pinckney, Ryan	LB	5'10"	217	Sr.	Frederick, MD
74	Reed, Tyler	G	6'5"	301	Fr.	Jefferson Borough, PA
55	Rice, Matthew	DE	6'6"	263	Fr.	Baltimore, MD
89	Richardson, Andrew	TE	6'6"	260	Fr.	Pittsburgh, PA
59	Rickenbach, Eric	C	6'5"	303	Sr.	Blackwood, NJ
69	Robinson, Jason	DL	6'3"	267	So.	Woodbury, NJ
12	Robinson, Michael	QB	6'3"	228	Fr.	Richmond, VA
35	Royce, John	DB	5'9"	180	Fr.	State College, PA
14	Royer, David	P	6'3"	205	Sr.	Centre Hall, PA
65	Ruhe, Sam	MLB	6'5"	264	Jr.	Aurora, OH
57	Rush, Charles	DT	6'2"	286	Fr.	Erie, PA
16	Ryland, Andy	LB	6'1"	237	Jr.	State College, PA
39	Schmidt, Woody	P	6'3"	196	Fr.	Virginia Beach, VA
64	Schmitt, Matt	T	6'4"	304	Sr.	Allison Park, PA
32	Scott, Bryan	CB	6'2"	215	Sr.	Warrington, PA
83	Scott, Ryan	WR	6'2"	191	So.	Renton, WA
45	Senk, Adam	RB	6'2"	238	Fr.	Cortland, OH
77	Smith, E.Z.	OL	6'3"	286	Fr.	Concord, NC
19	Smith, Gerald	WR	5'10"	179	So.	Ellicott City, MD
85	Smolko, Isaac	TE	6'5"	267	Fr.	Petersburg, OH
37	Stewart, LaMar	LB	6'1"	229	So.	Reading, PA
81	Stryker, Jason	WR	6'1"	206	So.	State College, PA
31	Terrell, Ernie	WR	6'3"	198	Fr.	Norristown, PA
2	Toles, Deryck	OLB	6'0"	216	Jr.	Warren, OH
44	Upton, Ricky	RB	6'0"	236	Jr.	Jefferson City, TN
60	Valoczki, Tyler	DT	6'4"	283	Sr.	West Chester, PA
34	Vendemia, Gio	DB	6'0"	189	Fr.	Greenville, PA
94	Wake, Derek	OLB	6'3"	240	So.	Beltsville, MD
14	Walker, Reginald	RB	5'9"	180	So.	Woodbridge, VA
93	Williams, Casey	TE	5'11"	242	Jr.	Allentown, PA
68	Wilson, John	T	6'8"	318	Fr.	Ormond Beach, FL
15	Yisrael, Yaacov	S	5'11"	195	Jr.	Palatine, IL
21	Zemaitis, Alan	CB	6'2"	197	Fr.	Rochester, NY

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	**24**	**Bryant Johnson (Sr.)**	19	Gerald Smith (So.)
WR	11	Tony Johnson (Jr.)	13	Kinta Palmer (Fr.)
LT	64	Matt Schmitt (Sr.)	**75**	**Chris McKelvy (Jr.)**
LG	**50**	**Tyler Lenda (Sr.)**	77	E.Z. Smith (Fr.)
C	**63**	**Joe Iorio (Sr.)**	70	Nick Marmo (So.)
RG	70	Nick Marmo (So.)	74	Tyler Reed (Fr.)
RT	**72**	**Gus Felder (Sr.)**	76	Damone Jones (Jr.)
TE	6	R.J. Luke (Sr.)	93	Casey Williams (Jr.)
QB	7	Zack Mills (So.)	12	Michael Robinson (Fr.)
FB	42	Sean McHugh (Jr.)	39	Paul Jefferson (Jr.)
TB	5	Larry Johnson (Sr.)	22	Pete Gilmore (So.)

Defense (6)

DE	87	John Bronson (So.)	86	Jeremiah Davis (So.)
DT	**98**	**Anthony Adams (Sr.)**	99	Tim Falls (Sr.)
DT	**73**	**Jimmy Kennedy (Sr.)**	60	Tyler Valoczki (Sr.)
DE	**81**	**Michael Haynes (Sr.)**	17	Lavon Chisley (Fr.)
OLB	94	Derek Wake (So.)	38	Jimi Mitchell (So.)
MLB	65	Sam Ruhe (Jr.)	51	Tim Johnson (So.)
OLB	**2**	**Deryck Toles (Jr.)**	47	Gino Capone (Jr.)
CB	25	Rich Gardner (Jr.)	34	Gio Vendemia (Fr.)
CB	**32**	**Bryan Scott (Sr.)**	21	Alan Zemaitis (Fr.)
FS	**23**	**Shawn Mayer (Sr.)**	18	Andrew Guman (So.)
SS	29	Paul Cronin (Fr.)	10	Calvin Lowry (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	4	Robbie Gould (So.)
P	14	David Royer (Sr.)
KR	5	Larry Johnson (Sr.)
PR	5	Larry Johnson (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Zack Mills, 127-230-1,669-12, 9 TDs
Rushing: Larry Johnson, 71 car., 337 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving: Bryant Johnson, 51 rec., 866 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Robbie Gould, 6 FGs, 29 XPs, 47 points
Punting: David Royer, 71 punts, 40.6 avg.
Kicking: Robbie Gould, 6-10 FGs, 29-29 XPs, 47 pts.
Tackles: Shawn Mayer, 97, 56 solo
Tackles for loss: Anthony Adams, 11 for 47 yds., Michael Haynes, 11 for 51 yds.
Sacks: Michael Haynes, 4
Interceptions: Shawn Mayer, 1 for 31 yds., Yaacov Yisrael, 1 for 0 yds.
Kickoff returns: Larry Johnson, 17 ret., 26.7 avg.
Punt returns: Larry Johnson, 1 ret., 55.0 avg.

2001 Results

S. 1	Miami	L	7–33
S. 22	Wisconsin	L	6–18
S. 29	at Iowa	L	18–24
O. 6	Michigan	L	0–20
O. 20	at Northwestern	W	38–35
O. 27	Ohio State	W	29–27
N. 3	Southern Miss	W	38–20
N. 10	at Illinois	L	28–33
N. 17	Indiana	W	28–14
N. 24	at Michigan State	W	42–37
D. 1	at Virginia	L	14–20

2002 Signees

Jason Alford DT 6'4" 270 Orange, NJ
Ranked the No. 35 DT in the nation according to *Rivals100.com*. Recorded 102 tackles and 12 sacks his senior season.

Chris Auletta OL 6'6" 320 Massapequa, NY
First-team all-state selection. Improved stock with excellent performance at Penn State NIKE Camp.

Brian Borgoyn OL 6'5" 295 Pittsburgh, PA
Four-star recruit and No. 12 OT in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Levi Brown DL 6'5" 300 Norfolk, VA
Ranked the No. 2 DL in Virginia by *Rivals100.com*. Had 22 tackles for a loss his senior campaign.

Mark Farris OL 6'6" 295 Pittsburgh, PA
Four-star recruit and the No. 9 OG in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Vince Gliatta ATH 6'1" 195 Canton, OH
Ranked the No. 63 safety in the nation by *Rivals100.com*. Could play on either side of the ball.

Tamba Hali DE 6'4" 255 Teaneck, NJ
Named to the Riddell Footware All-American team. Native of Nigeria is rated the No. 5 strong-side DE in the nation by *Rivals100.com*

Patrick Hall LB 6'3" 242 Canton, GA
Recruited to play LB but played QB in HS, rushing for 22 TDs and passing for eight. Rated the No. 30 athlete in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Josh Hannum WR 6'1" 170 Wallingford, PA
State sprint champion caught 38 passes for 736 yards and also has five INTs. Could play on either side of the ball.

Maurice Humphrey DB 6'1" 182 Berin, CT
Set school's record for rushing yards in a season and in a career. Ranked the 56 DB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*

Donnie Johnson RB 6'0" 195 Cincinnati, OH
A four-year starter on both sides of the ball. Rushed for 2,864 yards on 12.6 yards per carry as a senior.

Eddie Johnson DE 6'3" 245 Detroit, MI
Made 117 tackles as a senior at LB but will most likely move to DE in college. Rated the No. 36 strong-side LB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Jim Kanuch ATH 6'2" 190 Johnstown, PA
After playing RB, WR, OLB and DB in HS, versatile talent will more than likely concentrate on DB. Rated the No. 12 safety in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Jeremy Kapinos P 6'1" 215 Springfield, VA
Averaged 37.5 yards per punt and downed the ball inside the 20 13 times.

Lee Lispi OL 6'6" 292 Pittston, PA
Ranked the No. 45 OT in the nation by *Rivals100.com*

Calvin Lowry ATH 6'1" 180 Fayetteville, NC
Started both ways in HS while recording 25 career INTs. Rated the No. 15 CB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Robert Price DL 6'2" 290 Shaker Heights, OH
Received most of his prep recognition as an offensive lineman. One of three Penn State DT recruits to make *Rivals100.com's* Top 100 (No. 53).

Steve Roach OL 6'3" 304 Martinsburg, WV
A two-time all-state selection. Strongest recruit in the class; bench presses 425 lbs. and squats 660 lbs.

Tim Shaw ATH 6'2" 220 Livonia, MI
Made 95 tackles and four INTs as a senior. Set state records with 7,611 rushing yards and 136 TDs during his prep career.

Brandon Snow FB 6'2" 220 Newark, DE
Ranked the No. 3 FB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Chris Wilson ATH 6'1" 235 Catonsville, MD
One of four Penn State recruits to be ranked among the Top 50 FBs in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

J.R. Zwierzynski ATH 6'3" 230 Joliet, IL
Rushed for 2,073 yards for powerhouse Joliet Catholic. Could play either FB, RB, or LB at Penn State.

Big Ten Prediction: 8th
National Forecast: #51

The 2002 season can't arrive soon enough for Joe Tiller and the Purdue Boilermakers. Tiller's anticipation stems from an abundance of experience (17 starters, including nine on offense) and talent returning to West Lafayette.

"I wish we could get started right now," says Tiller, who has a .639 winning percentage (39–22) at Purdue. "I just feel like we're going to be a better football team. We're going to do it by hard work and tweaking our system, which will put us in a position to be successful."

quarterbacks

Kyle Orton established himself as Purdue's No. 1 man behind center after starting the final three games of the 2001 season as a true freshman. Brandon Hance, who began last fall as the Boilermakers' starter, transferred to USC in December.

Orton continued getting a better grasp of the system during spring practice. In addition to his size and composure in the pocket, the coaching staff loves Orton's arm strength and velocity.

"I think Kyle Orton is going to be a great one, not just a good one, but a great one," Washington State coach Mike Price says. "He's going to be something special. He has a real fluid, natural motion. The ball comes off his hand really tight and gets to receivers very quickly without a lot of effort."

Backup Kyle Smith came to Purdue as a walk-on but has been a pleasant surprise and has earned a scholarship. Blue-chipper Brandon Kirsch's arrival will provide more depth.

running backs

Purdue's inability to run the football effectively, particularly in short-yardage situations, was a major factor in the late-season slide. The Boilermakers averaged just 101.9 yards per game and finished 103rd in the nation in rushing.

Montrell Lowe, who has rushed for nearly 2,500 yards and 15 TDs in his career, returns for his final season after struggling as a junior. Lowe's difficulties weren't entirely his own doing. He averaged just 3.5 yards per carry primarily because of the line's inability to open holes on a consistent basis.

Purdue will turn to Joey Harris when it wants more speed out of the backfield. Harris, who sat out his freshman season as a partial qualifier, rushed for 255 yards on 58 carries in 2001. Redshirt freshman Jerod Void, a state champion hurdler in high school, has been moved from receiver to running back. At 6'2", Void gives the Boilermakers better size in the backfield and hits holes more aggressively than Lowe and Harris.

The coaching staff put in some two-back formations during spring practice in order to rectify the short-yardage failures. If fullbacks Jacob Rowe, Brandon Jones and Patrick Schaub can't get the job done, look for 238-pound linebacker Jon Goldsberry to be used as both a lead blocker and ball carrier.

receivers

Considering how unhappy Tiller was with the receiving corps' performance in 2001, it should be a very interesting fall camp. Although every starter returns, no one has locked up a starting spot. "It's wide open at wide receiver," Tiller says. "I'm not prepared to concede anything to anybody at this stage. Any kid who comes in here has a good chance at playing for us in the fall."

In just his first season, Taylor Stubblefield led Purdue in receiving and will likely be one of the team's top threats this fall. Also seeing considerable playing time will be John Standeford, the team's third-leading receiver in 2001. At just 191 pounds, he has trouble



Ric Fogel

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys To A Sixth Straight Bowl Appearance

Purdue was its own worst enemy last year. Failure to convert in short-yardage situations and too many dropped passes cost the Boilermakers dearly in four of their six losses. Improvement in those areas and a much more potent offense led by QB Kyle Orton could put Purdue back in the upper echelon of the conference. There aren't many teams on the Boilermakers' schedule that will have much success against what should be one of the league's best defenses. Just how good this Boilermaker team might be could be determined in back-to-back road trips to Iowa and Illinois, both of whom have new starting quarterbacks. The Boilermakers' 2001 season ended with a 6–6 record. Purdue fans would have been thrilled with a five- or six-win season not too long ago, but Tiller concludes that such a mark these days is unacceptable.

2002 Schedule

A. 31	Illinois State	W
S. 7	at Notre Dame	L
S. 14	Western Michigan	W
S. 21	Wake Forest	W
S. 28	Minnesota	W
O. 5	at Iowa	L
O. 12	at Illinois	L
O. 19	Michigan	L
O. 26	at Northwestern	W
N. 9	Ohio State	L
N. 16	at Michigan State	L
N. 23	Indiana	W

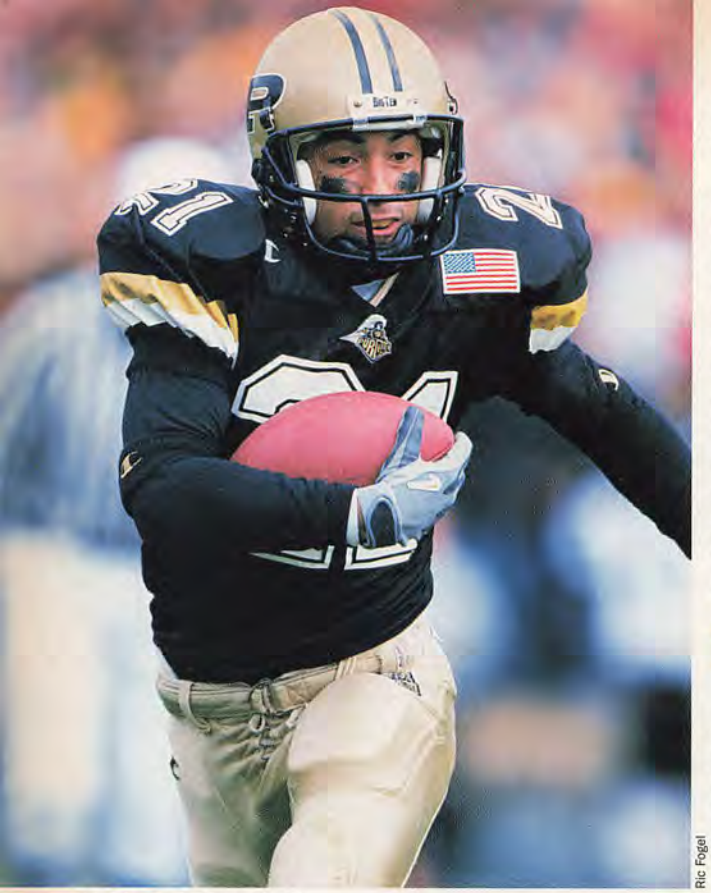
*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss
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Kyle Orton: 1,105 yards passing in 2001

Joe Robbins



Stuart Schweigert



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Taylor Stubblefield

when going against bigger defensive backs, but he has soft hands. Seth Morales and Kevin Noel will also figure into the mix.

Junior college transfer Anthony Chambers lived up to his advanced billing during the spring. As a result, he'll likely start.

Also making a bid for one of the starting spots will be true freshman Ray Williams, who might be the most sought-after receiver Purdue has signed under Tiller. Williams' speed will spread defenses vertically and open up underneath routes.

83.3 Purdue has won 83.3 percent of its games in Ross-Ade Stadium under Joe Tiller. The Boilermakers are 25–5 at home since 1997 and 16–4 in Big Ten games.

Although tight end Tim Stratton, the school's all-time leading pass receiver (204 catches), is gone, Mike Rhinehart and Charles Davis are expected to continue making that position a viable weapon.

offensive linemen

With four starters back, the line is expected to be much improved this fall.

Kelly Kitchel, who started the last five games a year ago, is expected to take over at left guard. Kitchel, a fifth-year senior, had back surgery in April to repair a bulging disk, but the Purdue medical staff is confident he will be ready for preseason camp.

Center Gene Mruczkowski is the leader up front. He has a team-high 36 career starts. Kelly Butler will start at right tackle; Rob Turner, who broke his left leg in the eighth game last season, is the starting right guard; and Pete Lougheed will start at left tackle. The average size of those five starters, who have combined to start 79 games, is just under 300 pounds.

defensive linemen

All-Big Ten end Akin Ayodele and tackle Matt Mitrione will be missed. Kevin Nesfield, a converted linebacker, will be called on to fill the void left by Ayodele, while Brandon Johnson takes over for Mitrione.

Returning starters Shaun Phillips, at end, and Craig Terrill, at tackle, should continue to blossom. Phillips ranks seventh on Purdue's career sacks list with 13 and possesses all the tools to be Purdue's next great sack artist.

There might not be a harder worker on the team than Terrill, who was held out of contact drills during the spring after having knee surgery in the off-season.

linebackers

Purdue's linebacking corps returns intact and should be among the nation's elite. This group has combined for 68 career starts, led by weak-side 'backer Landon Johnson (22) and middle linebacker Joe Odom (21). Johnson's 82 tackles were second on the team in '01.

Niko Koutouvides is the starting strong-side linebacker. He replaced Gilbert Gardner last season after Gardner broke his right leg at Ohio State. Gardner didn't participate in spring practice and may redshirt this season because Purdue is so deep at the position.

Tiller and his coaching staff experimented in the spring by moving Odom outside and Koutouvides inside, but Odom will likely remain inside.

RISING STAR

Anthony Chambers, one of the nation's top junior college players last year, is just what Purdue needed at the wide receiver position. "I don't think there's any doubt that he'll be a major contributor," Joe Tiller says. "I'll be surprised if he's not starting for us."

defensive backs

They don't get much better than free safety Stuart Schweigert. A first-team All-Big Ten pick a year ago, Schweigert needs just one interception to become Purdue's all-time leader with 12.

Tiller is hoping that strong safety Ralph Turner, who leads the defense with 27 career starts, is ready to go in the fall. Turner dislocated his shoulder twice last season and missed spring practice after undergoing surgery.

One of the starting cornerbacks is Antwaun Rogers, who had three interceptions as a redshirt freshman in 2001. His counterpart will be Jacques Reeves, who is an accomplished sprinter on the track team.

specialists

One player the Boilermakers could never replace is All-American kicker/punter Travis Dorsch, winner of the 2001 Ray Guy Award.

Junior college transfer Berin Lacevic will handle the kicking duties. He doesn't have Dorsch's range, but he's accurate. The punting duties will fall on the foot of Aaron Levin.

Harris and Deaunte Ferrell are expected to handle kickoff returns. Morales returned punts but may be pushed by a newcomer.

Outside the Huddle

Keeping up with the Joneses Purdue has followed the lead of schools like Penn State and Ohio State in drastically upgrading its stadium. In December work continued on the $70 million first phase of a massive renovation of Ross-Ade Stadium. The press box was dismantled, and a new pavilion that will house suites, premium seating, press box and offices will be partially completed by the start of the 2002 season. At the completion of the first phase in 2003, seating capacity will be 62,500, which will be lower than the current 67,322. Depending on the program's success, Phase 2 and Phase 3 could raise the stadium's capacity to nearly 80,000.

Back home again Greg Olson left the 49ers, where he was quarterbacks coach, after just one season to return to Purdue and be reunited with his wife, Lissa, who is the school's track and field head coach. Olson, who coached Purdue's quarterbacks from 1997-2000, is now in charge of the tight ends and is the recruiting coordinator.

See ya' in a couple of years After this season, Michigan State and Minnesota will be dropped from Purdue's schedule and Wisconsin and Penn State will return to the slate. Joe Tiller's teams are a combined 9–1 versus the Spartans and Gophers and just 2–6 versus the Badgers and Nittany Lions.

Low point Tiller's '01 offense was his worst ever. Purdue ranked 105th in the nation in total offense (306.1 yards per game). Tiller had never had an offense rank worse than 30th.

2002 Purdue Roster

2001 Record: 6–6
Big 10 Record: 4–4
Head Coach Joe Tiller

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
76	Bach, Willie	T	6'2"	263	So.	Indianapolis, IN
43	Bennett, Jeff	DE	6'4"	239	Fr.	Evansville, IN
71	Butler, Kelly	T	6'8"	299	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
91	Cavallo, Nick	TE	6'3"	241	Fr.	Plainville, CT
20	Chambers, Anthony	WR	6'1"	194	Jr.	Liberty, TX
22	Curtis, Jared	CB	5'9"	171	Jr.	Humble, TX
87	Davis, Charles	TE	6'6"	263	Fr.	Fraser, MI
97	Davis, Ryan	DE	6'4"	276	Fr.	Woodbine, NJ
41	Dickerson, Chad	CB	5'9"	174	Fr.	Chicago, IL
62	Dzolovic, Vedran	DE	6'3"	260	Jr.	Park Ridge, IL
37	Edwards, Charles	CB	6'1"	192	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
66	Eisele, Jason	G	6'5"	275	So.	Avon Lake, OH
85	Evans, Jameson	WR	6'3"	207	Fr.	Shaker Hts., OH
98	Falana, Mawase	DT	6'1"	297	Fr.	St. Petersburg, FL
12	Farmer, Bobby	QB	6'1"	213	Fr.	Camby, IN
6	Ferrell, Deaunte	SS	5'11"	188	Jr.	Sagamore Hills, OH
16	Gardner, Gilbert	LB	6'2"	234	Jr.	Angleton, TX
44	Goldsberry, Jon	LB	6'3"	238	So.	Santa Claus, IN
99	Grier, Daemeon	DT	6'1"	299	Jr.	Bloomfield, CT
58	Grover, Brent	DE	6'4"	259	Fr.	Fort Thomas, KY
61	Hardwick, Nick	DT	6'4"	282	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
93	Harris, Antwan	DT	6'0"	291	Fr.	Raytown, MO
25	Harris, Joey	RB	5'11"	209	Jr.	Tomball, TX
57	Hawkins, Brent	LB	6'2"	232	Fr.	Godfrey, IL
33	Hickman, Brian	CB	6'0"	174	Fr.	Houston, TX
35	Hill, Zach	WR	5'10"	173	So.	Mishawaka, IN
73	Holle, Mike	G	6'2"	290	So.	Lafayette, IN
22	Huddleston, Marc	SS	5'11"	195	Fr.	Canton, OH
39	Iwuchukwu, Bobby	LB	6'2"	229	Fr.	Arlington, TX
5	James, Chris	WR	5'10"	178	Sr.	Tampa, FL
65	Johnson, Brandon	DT	6'0"	288	Sr.	Kokomo, IN
47	Johnson, Landon	LB	6'2"	211	Jr.	Lubbock, TX
27	Jones, Brandon	RB	5'11"	227	Fr.	Peru, IN
68	Kitchel, Kelly	G	6'6"	299	Sr.	Walton, IN
34	Koutouvides, Niko	LB	6'3"	226	Jr.	Plainville, CT
26	Lacevic, Berin	K	5'10"	162	Jr.	Salina, KS
96	Lawrence, Mike	DT	6'5"	285	So.	Philadelphia, PA
52	Leimberger, Jason	LB	6'2"	219	Fr.	West Chester, OH
29	Levin, Aaron	P	5'11"	210	So.	Casper, WY
77	Lougheed, Pete	T	6'5"	295	Sr.	Fort Wayne, IN
3	Lowe, Montrell	RB	5'8"	190	Sr.	LaPorte, TX
64	May, Danny	G	6'2"	299	Jr.	Pittsboro, IN
72	Miller, Max	G	6'3"	284	Sr.	Fairmont, IN
50	Moore, Tyler	T	6'7"	290	So.	Fremont, MI
84	Morales, Seth	WR	5'10"	174	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
79	Mruczkowski, Gene	C	6'2"	299	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
18	Nelson, Andy	K	6'2"	224	So.	Hudson, WI
40	Nesfield, Kevin	DE	6'3"	243	Jr.	Houston, TX
23	Noel, Kevin	WR	6'3"	206	So.	Bolingbrook, IL
51	Odom, Joe	LB	6'2"	245	Sr.	Bethalto, IL
18	Orton, Kyle	QB	6'4"	209	So.	Altoona, IA
63	Owen, David	T	6'6"	284	So.	Dallas, TX
22	Phillips, Shaun	DE	6'3"	260	Jr.	Willingboro, NJ
74	Pilipauskis, Nick	C	6'2"	271	Jr.	Lancaster, NY
95	Ramirez, Jarod	DE	6'4"	247	Jr.	Fresno, CA
28	Reeves, Jacques	CB	6'1"	183	Jr.	Lancaster, TX
60	Reid, Mark	LS	6'1"	237	So.	Lowell, IN
83	Rhinehart, Mike	TE	6'6"	257	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
12	Rogers, Antwaun	CB	6'2"	170	So.	Middletown, OH
45	Rowe, Jacob	RB	5'9"	226	Jr.	Oakland City, IN
88	Rucks, Drew	WR	6'2"	203	Fr.	Highstown, NJ
42	Schaub, Patrick	RB	6'0"	218	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
9	Schweigert, Stuart	FS	6'3"	208	Jr.	Saginaw, MI
69	Shelbourne, John	LS	6'6"	258	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
6	Smith, Kyle	QB	6'4"	209	Fr.	West Babylon, NY
82	Standeford, John	WR	6'4"	191	Jr.	Monrovia, IN
24	Stevenart, Greg	RB	5'10"	201	Fr.	Omaha, NE
21	Stubblefield, Taylor	WR	6'1"	166	So.	Yakima, WA
32	Summers, Shane	FS	6'1"	205	So.	Lockport, IL
59	Swann, Doug	DE	6'5"	228	So.	Cincinnati, OH
92	Terrill, Craig	DT	6'3"	284	Jr.	Lebanon, IN
78	Tomsheck, Josh	G	6'6"	299	Fr.	Strongsville, OH
56	Turner, Matt	C	6'3"	277	Fr.	Kirtland, OH
8	Turner, Ralph	SS	6'2"	214	Sr.	Dallas, TX
54	Turner, Rob	G	6'4"	299	Sr.	Kirtland, OH
55	Villareal, Brandon	DT	6'2"	287	Fr.	Allen, TX
32	Void, Jerod	RB	6'2"	192	Fr.	Clinton, MD
75	Wang, Brian	T	6'7"	275	Fr.	Fort Worth, TX

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR	82	**John Standeford (Jr.)**	5 Chris James (Sr.)
WR	21	**Taylor Stubblefield (So.)**	**84 Seth Morales (Sr.)**
WR	20	Anthony Chambers (Jr.)	23 Kevin Noel (So.)
TE	83	Mike Rhinehart (So.)	87 Charles Davis (Fr.)
LT	77	**Pete Lougheed (Sr.)**	63 David Owen (So.)
LG	68	Kelly Kitchel (Sr.)	78 Josh Tomsheck (Fr.)
C	79	**Gene Mruczkowski (Sr.)**	56 Matt Turner (Fr.)
RG	54	**Rob Turner (Sr.)**	66 Jason Eisele (So.)
RT	71	**Kelly Butler (So.)**	75 Brian Wang (Fr.)
QB	18	**Kyle Orton (So.)**	6 Kyle Smith (Fr.)
RB	3	**Montrell Lowe (Sr.)**	25 Joey Harris (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE	22	**Shaun Phillips (Jr.)**	62 Vedran Dzolovic (Jr.)
DT	92	**Craig Terrill (Jr.)**	61 Nick Hardwick (Jr.)
DT	65	Brandon Johnson (Sr.)	55 Brandon Villareal (Fr.)
DE	40	Kevin Nesfield (Jr.)	59 Doug Swann (So.)
WLB	47	**Landon Johnson (Jr.)**	57 Brent Hawkins (Fr.)
MLB	51	**Joe Odom (Sr.)**	44 Jon Goldsberry (So.)
SLB	34	Niko Koutouvides (Jr.)	**16 Gilbert Gardner (Jr.)**
CB	28	Jacques Reeves (Jr.)	33 Brian Hickman (Fr.)
CB	12	**Antwaun Rogers (So.)**	22 Jared Curtis (Jr.)
FS	9	**Stuart Schweigert (Jr.)**	37 Charles Edwards (Jr.)
SS	8	**Ralph Turner (Sr.)**	6 Deaunte Ferrell (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	26	Berin Lacevic (Jr.)
P	29	Aaron Levin (So.)
KR	25	Joey Harris (Jr.)
PR	84	Seth Morales (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Kyle Orton, 107-216-1,105-7, 4 TDs
Rushing: Montrell Lowe, 183 car., 640 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Taylor Stubblefield, 73 rec., 910 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: 3 players with 24 points each
Punting: none
Kicking: none
Tackles: Stuart Schweigert, 98, 65 solo
Tackles for loss: Shaun Phillips, 15 for 47 yds.
Sacks: Shaun Phillips, 6
Interceptions: Stuart Schweigert, 6 for 110 yds.
Kickoff returns: Joey Harris, 20 ret., 18.9 avg.
Punt returns: Seth Morales, 39 ret., 8.5 avg.

2001 Results

S. 2	at Cincinnati	W	19–14
S. 22	Akron	W	33–14
S. 29	at Minnesota	W	35–28
O. 6	Iowa	W	23–14
O. 13	at Michigan	L	10–24
O. 27	Northwestern	W	32–27
N. 3	Illinois	L	13–38
N. 10	at Ohio State	L	9–35
N. 17	Michigan State	W	24–14
N. 23	at Indiana	L	7–13
D. 1	Notre Dame	L	18–24
D. 31	Washington State#	L	27–33

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2002 Signees

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN

Jerome Brooks RB 5'10" 185 Haltom City, TX
Rated as a four-star prospect by *Prep Football Report*. Rushed for 1,841 yards as a senior.

Ryan Bucher LB 6'3" 220 Lebanon, PA
A first-team all-county selection as a DB and WR. Recorded 50 tackles as a senior.

Jeremy Burnett DB 6'0" 190 Tampa, FL
Ranked as the No. 39 player in the state of Florida by *SuperPrep*.

Nick Cavallo TE 6'3" 248 Plainville, CT
Played at Milford Academy in 2001. Considered one of the nation's Top 5 prep school prospects by Tom Lemming.

Anthony Chambers WR 6'1" 185 Liberty, TX
Caught 42 passes for 640 yards as a sophomore at Independence (KS) CC.

Andre Chattams ATH 6'0" 180 Dayton, OH
Ranked the No. 40 WR in the nation by *Alliance Sports*.

Colya Dailey ATH 5'10" 170 Sunrise, FL
First-team All-Southeastern Florida after catching 32 passes for 960 yards and 11 TDs as a senior.

Mawase Falana DT 6'1" 295 St. Petersburg, FL
Signed with Virginia last year but was never cleared academically. Ranked the No. 58 player in Florida by *SuperPrep*.

Dontrey Flemings DT 6'2" 290 Denton, TX
Ranked the No. 98 DT in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

George Hall LB 6'1" 229 Groton, CT
Ranked the No. 8 player in New England by *SuperPrep*. Registered 100 tackles as a senior.

Marc Huddleston ATH 5'11" 190 Canton, OH
Played QB, TB, FB, WR, and DB as a senior. Graduated HS early to join spring squad.

Duran Johnson LB 6'2" 210 Bellwood, IL
Ranked the No. 42 ILB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Brandon Kirsch QB 6'2" 185 Lebanon, PA
Ranked the No. 9 QB in the Northeast by *SuperPrep* and the No. 12 pro-style QB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Berin Lacevic K 5'10" 170 Salina, KS
A second-team All-American by the NJCAA at Garden City (KS). Connected on 12-of-16 field goals in 2001.

John Lampert LB 6'2" 205 Abilene, TX
Rated as a three-star prospect by *Prep Football Report*. Recorded 135 tackles as a senior.

Uche Nwaneri DE 6'3" 278 Garland, TX
Ranked as the No. 48 DT in the nation by *Student Sports*.

Mike Otto OL 6'5" 245 Kokomo, IN
First-team all-state guard. Ranked as the No. 131 offensive lineman in the nation by *Student Sports*.

Pat Oxley OL 6'7" 280 Fort Wayne, IN
Rated by *Rivals100.com* as the No. 55 OT in the nation. Coaches and media first-team all-state pick.

Alphonso Royal ATH 6'0" 205 Belle Glades, FL
Ranked as the No. 94 prospect in Florida by the *Orlando Sentinel*.

Drew Rucks ATH 6'2" 195 Highstown, NJ
Newark Star-Ledger first-team all-prep selection. Ranked the No. 104 WR in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Eric Smith DB 6'1" 205 Wichita, KS
Played both DB and WR at Independence (KS) CC.

Anthony Spencer DE 6'3" 235 Fort Wayne, IN
Named *Indianapolis Star* Defensive Lineman of the Year. Rushed for 600 yards and 13 TDs.

Ray Williams WR 6'2" 175 Scotch Plains, NJ
Ranked the No. 19 WR in the nation and the No. 5 overall prospect in New Jersey by *SuperPrep*. Caught 32 passes for 539 yards and five TDs as a senior.

Jamaal Wilson WR 6'3" 200 Weston, FL
Attended but did not play at Wisconsin in 1999. Played at Butler County (KS) CC the past two years.

Wisconsin Badgers

Big Ten Prediction: 3rd
National Forecast: #17

At times last fall, it appeared as if Don Morton had returned to the University of Wisconsin sideline.

The defense, not long ago among the stingiest in the nation, was stout in a handful of games but ultimately proved to be absolutely helpless against quality quarterbacks. The bottom line: Wisconsin surrendered 28.8 points per game, the highest average since 1989, Morton's final season as head coach at Wisconsin. The special teams, a critical element on the 1998 and 1999 Rose Bowl championship teams, proved to be vulnerable and volatile from Week 1 to Week 12 and cost the Badgers in several games.

Yet after suffering through his first losing season since 1995 at 5–7, Barry Alvarez believes his 13th season in Madison will usher in a return to the high standards of play to which Big Ten foes have grown accustomed.

"We've got some holes to fill on defense and in the kicking game," Alvarez says. "If we can answer those things, I think we'll be a very solid team again."

And with the Big Ten race expected to be wide open again, anything seems possible.

quarterbacks



The Badgers arguably possess more talent and experience than any team in the conference at this critical position. Brooks Bollinger is 22–7 as a starter, and despite missing all of three games and parts of two others because of injury in 2001, he passed for 1,257 yards. His instincts as a runner, his ability to turn a broken play into a big gain, and his improved passing should make him the most dangerous quarterback in the conference. If Bollinger goes down, the Badgers can turn to Jim Sorgi, a traditional pocket passer who excels throwing the deep ball. When Bollinger was sidelined last season, Sorgi passed for 1,096 yards and nine touchdowns.

running backs

Barring injury, tailback Anthony Davis seems poised to improve upon his remarkable freshman season of 1,466 yards. His 133.2 per game average was the No. 4 mark in the nation. Davis, the Big Ten Freshman of the Year, is strong, fast and durable. What the Badgers need is for either Jerone Pettus or one of several talented freshmen to provide a consistent No. 2 threat.

receivers

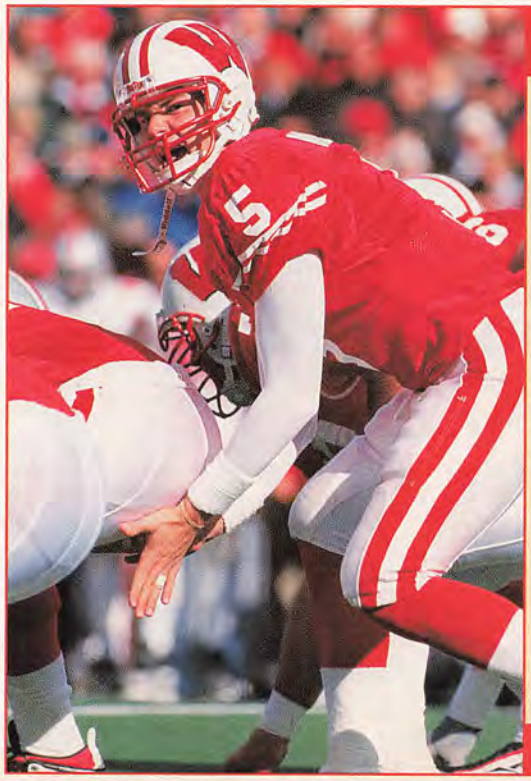
Lee Evans set a Big Ten record with 1,545 receiving yards last year, put the NFL on hold to return for his senior season — and tore up his knee in the spring game. Sophomore Darrin Charles will have to pick up the slack. The good news for Wisconsin fans is that the 6'6" Charles is stronger this season and should provide matchup problems because of his height and leaping ability. Wisconsin lost an under-appreciated tight end in Mark Anelli, but remember this name: Bob Docherty. The sophomore could be special.

offensive linemen



Line coach Jim Hueber deftly replaced three starters last season. This fall, all five starters return, led by center Al Johnson and left tackle Ben Johnson, all-conference candidates and cousins. Both Johnsons are entering their third seasons as starters. Both are mobile. And both are a bit nasty.

Sophomore left guard Dan Buenning garnered some Freshman All-America honors last season. Right tackle Jason Jowers sat out a grand total



Brian Ebner

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to Going Bowling

With an experienced and potentially explosive offense, the questions surround the defense and special teams. If the defense can reduce the big plays to a more manageable number and the special teams units can rediscover both their proficiency and tenacity, the prospects are bright because of the league's balance. If not, the players and coaches could be in for another long season. Wisconsin surrendered 28.8 points per game last season, the worst mark ever under Alvarez, and 38 plays of 25 yards or more. Twenty-six of those plays were passes. "We didn't corral the football in the back end," Alvarez says. "Again, for the second year in a row we let the ball go over the top." Although inexperience hindered the special teams, so too did fundamental breakdowns. Coverage units struggled, punts were blocked and Nick Davis rarely had sufficient room on returns.

2002 Schedule

A. 23	Fresno State	W
A. 31	at UNLV	W
S. 7	West Virginia	W
S. 14	Northern Illinois	W
S. 21	Arizona	W
O. 5	Penn State	W
O. 12	at Indiana	W
O. 19	**Ohio State**	*
O. 26	**at Michigan State**	*
N. 2	at Iowa	W
N. 9	Illinois	W
N. 16	**at Michigan**	*
N. 23	Minnesota	W

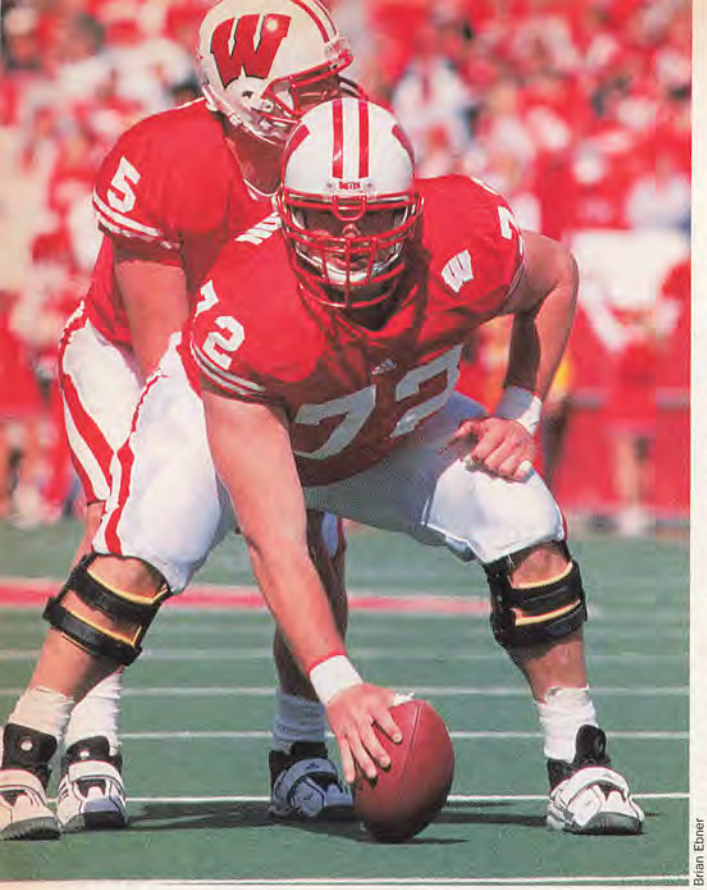
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Brooks Bollinger: 22–7 as a starting quarterback

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of nine snaps all season. At right guard, Jonathan Clinkscale and Kalvin Barrett started six games apiece as redshirt freshmen.

With so much experienced talent back, offensive coordinator Brian White insists the offense should be more consistent this season.

> **6** Time of possession was a key to Wisconsin's success in 1998 and '99. However, the Badgers won the time-of-possession battle just six times last season. That number must be higher this season.

defensive linemen

The defensive line will be bigger this season across the board, but will it be better? All-Big Ten tackle Wendell Bryant certainly will be missed, both on the field and in the locker room. Anttaj Hawthorne, a 6'3", 305-pound sophomore, will take over for Bryant. Hawthorne started three of the Badgers' final four games last season as a true freshman. Junior Nick Cochart and sophomore Jason Jefferson are battling at the other tackle.

The key to the line's development will be whether ends Darius Jones and Jake Sprague can remain healthy. Both players received medical redshirts in 2001. Although line coach John Palermo isn't big on sack totals, Erasmus James and Jonathan Welsh could be dangerous coming off the edge — if the Badgers can force teams into third-and-long.

linebackers

The linebacker unit will remain a major question mark until several untested players prove otherwise. Jeff Mack is the lone returning starter, though he should be more effective now that he has been shifted back inside. Mack was lost on the edge last season, particularly in pass coverage. He is more instinctive and far more aggressive on the inside.

Kareem Timbers, who saw limited action on the inside last season, has been moved to the outside, the ideal position for the former high school defensive back. "It's a strong safety position," says defensive coordinator Kevin Cosgrove, "and he played strong safety in high school."

Although Cosgrove is in no hurry to name his starters, it seems likely Mack and Timbers will be difficult to beat out. A newcomer almost certainly will fill the second inside linebacker spot. Junior college transfer Alex Lewis is one player to watch, though he was originally projected to man the middle. It is possible the coaches could use Lewis at middle linebacker and shift Mack to the other inside position (eagle), his home as a freshman.

defensive backs

The Badger secondary struggled because of youth and tentativeness last season, and Alvarez made a coaching change. Out went Todd Bradford and in came Ron Cooper, who served as the secondary coach at Notre Dame in 1991 and '92. Cooper has talent at his disposal, but most of it is untested.

Scott Starks is virtually a lock to start at field cornerback (wide side). He was thrust into the starting lineup for the final 10 games as a freshman last season and displayed remarkable tenacity and resilience after getting beaten deep. B.J. Tucker is fighting to start at boundary corner (short side). Tucker is physically gifted but a lack of confidence and consistency have been his downfall for three seasons. Can he hold up?

Robert Brooks, who showed promise as a nickel back last season, has been moved to free safety and seems like a natural. Redshirt freshman Dontez Sanders switched from wide receiver to strong safety and has shown toughness that returning starter Michael Broussard lacked last season. Cooper insists he will find two full units and won't hesitate to play true freshmen.

specialists

The '01 Badgers used three kickers, two of them freshmen, and eventually settled on a freshman punter. The inconsistency was maddening. Missed field goals led to losses against Oregon and Michigan last season.

Scott Campbell, a junior college All-American, is expected to handle both kickoffs and field goals. His leg strength should lead to more touchbacks, which will help the defense. And if he can handle the pressure of making a game-tying or game-winning field goal, the coaches will be ecstatic.

Burly R.J. Morse, who played on the line in high school, should again handle the punting duties. The ball explodes off Morse's foot, but he must get the ball off quicker.

RISING STAR

With the spring-game knee injury to Lee Evans, look for **Darrin Charles** to provide a game-breaking threat at wide receiver. Charles came on strong down the stretch in 2001 as a freshman. He is learning how to maximize his 6'6" frame and leaping ability, and will be a difficult matchup for most DBs.

Outside the Huddle

Fearsome foursome The 2001 Badgers were the first team in Big Ten history to field two 1,000-yard passers (Brooks Bollinger and Jim Sorgi), a 1,000-yard receiver (Lee Evans) and a 1,000-yard rusher (Anthony Davis). The four combined for 5,364 yards last season.

Four hundred and counting When Minnesota rolled up 477 yards against the Badgers in the teams' season finale, it marked the sixth time in 12 games Wisconsin surrendered at least 400 yards.

Stop the bleeding Opponents ripped off gains of 25 yards or more from scrimmage 38 times in 12 games, an average of 3.2 times per game. Twenty-six of the plays were passes and 12 were runs.

More quality control The Badgers gained 1,535 of their 4,679 yards on just 41 plays, for an average of 37.4 yards. However, they gained just 3,144 yards on their remaining 800 plays, an average of 3.9 yards.

The streak goes on Wisconsin has had a 1,000-yard rusher for a Big Ten-record nine consecutive seasons.

Home sweet Camp Randall Wisconsin will play a school-record eight home games this season.

2002 Wisconsin Roster

2001 Record: 5–7
Big Ten Record: 3–5
Head Coach Barry Alvarez

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
21	Aiello, Ryan	DB	6'1"	195	Jr.	Oceanside, CA
97	Allen, Mike	K	6'2"	184	So.	Prescott, WI
70	Ballou, Isaac	OL	6'5"	335	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL
58	Barrett, Kalvin	OL	6'2"	312	So.	Spring Valley, CA
13	Bell, Brett	DB	6'0"	187	So.	Wheaton, IL
88	Bell, Mark	TE	6'4"	249	So.	Scottsdale, AZ
49	Bernstein, Matt	FB	6'2"	261	Fr.	Scarsdale, NY
39	Bickerstaff, Erik	FB	6'0"	229	Sr.	Waukesha, WI
5	Bollinger, Brooks	QB	6'2"	207	Sr.	Grand Forks, ND
47	Boye-Doe, Howard	LB	6'2"	230	So.	Keller, TX
84	Braun, David	WR	5'11"	196	Sr.	Madison, WI
5	Brooks, Robert	DB	5'10"	174	So.	Carrollton, TX
8	Broussard, Michael	DB	5'10"	192	Jr.	Carrollton, TX
1	Brown, Byron	WR	6'0"	181	Jr.	Sicklerville, NJ
67	Buenning, Dan	OL	6'4"	301	So.	Green Bay, WI
10	Catalano, Chris	LB	6'1"	212	So.	Thousand Oaks, CA
87	Charles, Darrin	WR	6'6"	205	So.	Oshkosh, WI
31	Clark, Carlease	D	5'11"	196	Sr.	Lakeview Terrace, CA
56	Clemens, Jason	LB	6'1"	227	Jr.	Lodi, WI
50	Clinkscale, Jonathan	OL	6'3"	317	So.	Altadena, CA
97	Cochart, Nick	DL	6'1"	275	Jr.	Brussels, WI
81	Cosgrove, Clint	WR	5'11"	160	Fr.	Madison, WI
4	Cowans, Chuckie	DB	5'8"	168	So.	Chicago, IL
11	Daniels, Owen	QB	6'3"	220	Fr.	Naperville, IL
28	Davis, Anthony	RB	5'8"	183	So.	Plainfield, NJ
75	Davis, Morgan	OL	6'5"	317	So.	Barron, WI
48	Docherty, Bob	TE	6'6"	265	So.	Oshkosh, WI
6	Ellestad, Pat	DB	6'1"	187	So.	Fond du Lac, WI
17	Espinoza, Adam	K	5'10"	170	So.	Arcadia, CA
3	Evans, Lee	WR	5'11"	192	Sr.	Bedford, OH
73	Gajda, Matt	DL	6'4"	273	Jr.	Sturgeon Bay, WI
48	Gillen, John	LB	6'4"	233	Fr.	Glen Ellyn, IL
69	Harper, Carlos	OL	6'5"	423	Fr.	Chicago, IL
94	Hawthorne, Anttaj	DL	6'3"	305	So.	Hamden, CT
11	Hayes, Travann	WR	5'11"	181	So.	Elgin, IL
10	Hollins, Devin	QB	6'0"	193	Fr.	Los Angeles, CA
22	Howard, Nate	DB	5'10"	199	Jr.	St. Paul, MN
90	James, Erasmus	DL	6'4"	256	Jr.	Pembroke Pines, FL
74	Jefferson, Jason	DL	6'3"	306	So.	Chicago, IL
72	Johnson, Al	OL	6'4"	295	Sr.	Brussels, WI
64	Johnson, Ben	OL	6'7"	321	Sr.	Brussels, WI
98	Jones, Darius	DL	6'3"	284	So.	Beloit, WI
51	Jonjak, Tom	LB	6'1"	216	So.	Chippewa Falls, WI
56	Jowers, Jason	OL	6'6"	306	Sr.	Libertyville, IL
86	Katula, Matt	DL	6'6"	266	So.	Brookfield, WI
29	Kemp, DeAndre	WR	5'10"	178	Fr.	Carson, CA
71	Kleber, Mike	OL	6'2"	284	Fr.	Muskego, WI
37	Kuhns, Russ	FB	6'0"	232	Sr.	Bellevue, OH
55	Lang, Jeff	DL	6'6"	282	Fr.	Greenfield, WI
76	Lawrence, Matt	OL	6'5"	280	Fr.	Millsboro, DE
18	Leonhard, Jim	DB	5'8"	179	So.	Tony, WI
91	Lewis, Traison	DL	6'2"	236	So.	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
65	Lezama, Andres	DL	6'4"	258	Fr.	Waukesha, WI
61	Lorenz, Mike	OL	6'5"	307	So.	Manitowoc, WI
46	Mack, Jeff	LB	6'0"	247	Jr.	Madison, WI
54	Maiava, Lyle	DL	6'2"	302	Fr.	Honolulu, HI
89	Mayfield, Jesse	DL	6'6"	284	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
30	McCorison, Kyle	LB	6'0"	242	Jr.	Altoona, WI
30	Mialik, Matt	TE	6'0"	237	Jr.	Verona, WI
19	Morse, R.J.	P	6'1"	249	So.	Waipahu, HI
25	Munden, Kirk	K	5'9"	180	Jr.	Eau Claire, WI
32	Nellis, Joel	TE	6'4"	256	Fr.	Madison, WI
74	Nieforth, Fred	OL	6'8"	296	Jr.	Antigo, WI
9	Orr, Jonathon	WR	6'3"	184	Fr.	Detroit, MI
59	Ovadal, Tim	OL	6'3"	252	Fr.	Blanchardville, WI
85	Paciotti, Tony	TE	6'4"	256	So.	Jessup, PA
96	Palermo, Jason	OL	6'3"	291	Fr.	Madison, WI
20	Pettus, Jerone	RB	5'9"	173	So.	Roosevelt, NY
38	Pociask, Jason	TE	6'3"	247	Fr.	Plainfield, IN
53	Raiola, Donovan	OL	6'3"	296	Fr.	Honolulu, HI
57	Root, Greg	LB	6'2"	242	Fr.	Palmdale, CA
14	Sanders, Dontez	DB	6'1"	199	Fr.	Bedford, OH
16	Schabert, Matt	QB	6'2"	204	So.	Elgin, IL
15	Simmons, Ryan	DB	5'11"	195	Sr.	Verona, WI
44	Smith, Jerron	LB	6'1"	233	So.	Lindenwold, NJ
19	Sorgi, Jim	QB	6'5"	188	Jr.	Fraser, MI
99	Sprague, Jake	DL	6'4"	285	Sr.	Oak Creek, WI
2	Starks, Scott	DB	5'10"	165	So.	St. Louis, MO
26	Sylvain, Johnny	DB	5'10"	182	Fr.	Hackensack, NJ
34	Timbers, Kareem	LB	6'3"	211	So.	Chicago, IL
23	Tucker, B.J.	DB	5'11"	179	Sr.	Bayside, WI
82	Tucker, Rob	TE	6'4"	244	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN
66	Ulrich, Andy	OL	6'2"	295	So.	Oak Creek, WI
12	Watson, Stephon	WR	6'3"	191	Sr.	Elkton, MD
92	Welsh, Jonathan	DL	6'4"	224	So.	Houston, TX
39	Wielebski, T.J.	LB	6'1"	238	So.	Ottawa, WI
7	Wille, Scott	QB	6'3"	207	Jr.	Oconomowoc, WI
27	Williams, Broderick	RB	6'0"	224	Jr.	Needville, TX
78	Wood, Jake	OL	6'6"	286	Fr.	Bettendorf, IA

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

FL	84	David Braun (Sr.)	1	Byron Brown (Jr.)
SE	87	Darrin Charles (So.)	11	Travann Hayes (So.)
LT	**64**	**Ben Johnson (Sr.)**	75	Morgan Davis (So.)
LG	**67**	**Dan Buenning (So.)**	66	Andy Ulrich (So.)
C	**72**	**Al Johnson (Sr.)**	53	Donovan Raiola (Fr.)
RG	**50**	**Jonathan Clinkscale (So.)**	58	Kalvin Barrett (So.)
RT	**56**	**Jason Jowers (Sr.)**	61	Mike Lorenz (So.)
TE	48	Bob Docherty (So.)	85	Tony Paciotti (So.)
QB	**5**	**Brooks Bollinger (Sr.)**	19	Jim Sorgi (Jr.)
RB	**28**	**Anthony Davis (So.)**	20	Jerone Pettus (So.)
FB	37	Russ Kuhns (Sr.)	39	Erik Bickerstaff (Sr.)

Defense (3)

DE	99	Jake Sprague (Sr.)	90	Erasmus James (Jr.)
DT	94	Anttaj Hawthorne (So.)	89	Jesse Mayfield (Jr.)
DT	74	Jason Jefferson (So.)	97	Nick Cochart (Jr.)
DE	98	Darius Jones (So.)	92	Jonathan Welsh (So.)
OLB	34	Kareem Timbers (So.)	44	Jerron Smith (So.)
LB	**46**	**Jeff Mack (Jr.)**	47	Howard Boye-Doe (So.)
LB	48	John Gillen (Fr.)	30	Kyle McCorison (Jr.)
CB	**2**	**Scott Starks (So.)**	26	Johnny Sylvain (Fr.)
CB	23	B.J. Tucker (Sr.)	13	Brett Bell (So.)
FS	5	Robert Brooks (So.)	21	Ryan Aiello (Jr.)
SS	**8**	**Michael Broussard (Jr.)**	14	Dontez Sanders (Fr.)

Special Teams

K		Scott Campbell (Jr.)
P	19	R.J. Morse (So.)
KR	20	Jerone Pettus (So.)
PR	20	Jerone Pettus (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Brooks Bollinger, 91-177-1,257-4, 6 TDs
Rushing: Anthony Davis, 291 car., 1,466 yds., 11 TDs
Receiving: Lee Evans, 75 rec., 1,545 yds., 9 TDs
Scoring: Anthony Davis, 11 TDs, 66 points
Punting: R.J. Morse, 28 punts, 41.6 avg.
Kicking: Mike Allen, 6-9 FGs, 8-10 XPs, 26 points
Tackles: Scott Starks, 64, 54 solo
Tackles for loss: Erasmus James, 7 for 35 yds.
Sacks: Erasmus James, 6
Interceptions: Mike Broussard, 3 for 33 yds., Scott Starks, 3 for 17 yds.
Kickoff returns: Jerone Pettus, 3 ret., 24.0 avg., Mike Broussard, 3 ret., 20.7 avg.
Punt returns: Brett Bell, 1 ret., 0.0 avg.

2001 Results

A. 25	Virginia	W	26–17
S. 1	at Oregon	L	28–31
S. 8	Fresno State	L	20–32
S. 22	at Penn State	W	18– 6
S. 29	Western Kentucky	W	24– 6
O. 6	Indiana	L	32–63
O. 13	at Ohio State	W	20–17
O. 20	at Illinois	L	35–42
O. 27	Michigan State	L	28–42
N. 3	Iowa	W	34–28
N. 17	Michigan	L	17–20
N. 24	at Minnesota	L	31–42

2002 Signees

Scott Campbell K 6'0" 225 Clemson, SC
Junior college All-American in 2001 at Georgia Military Academy.

Cody Childs ATH 5'10" 190 Poynette, WI
Played RB, LB, CB, and returned kicks during prep career. Gained 2,082 yards with 36 TDs as a senior.

Enrique Cook WR 6'2" 185 Hammond, IN
PrepStar All-America selection. Earned All-Midwest honors from *SuperPrep*.

Reginald Cribbs LB 6'1" 215 Chicago, IL
An All-America pick by *PrepStar* and *Prep Football Report*. Despite missing four games, still recorded 95 tackles as a senior.

Graham Danielson QB 6'5" 215 Black River Falls, WI
Injured knee limited him to 300 yards and three TDs in only one game as a senior.

Matthew Domonkos K 5'8" 155 Windber, PA
Made *Pennsylvania Football News* first-team All-State. Set a state record with 58-yard FG as a senior.

Phillip Fuller RB 5'11" 180 Irving, TX
PrepStar All-Midlands selection. One of four Badger recruits among the *Rivals100.com* Top 100 RBs.

Elliott Goode LB 6'2" 225 Manlius, NY
Finished career with 291 tackles and 14 sacks. Named to *SuperPrep's* All-Northeast team.

Mark Gorman DL 6'4" 240 The Woodlands, TX
Was a finalist for Old Spice Tight End of the Year in Texas. Could play either TE or DL in college.

Randy Gyllin OL 6'3" 305 Mauston, WI
Ranked the No. 1 OL in Wisconsin by *PrepStar*.

Zach Hampton DB 5'10" 175 Lancaster, WI
Wisconsin State Journal Small School Player of the Year. Had 278 tackles and 17 INTs in prep career.

Paul Joran LB 6'3" 225 Apple Valley, MN
Earned first-team all-state honors in 2001. Ranked the No. 50 ILB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Alex Lewis LB 6'1" 235 Delran, NJ
Will have two years of eligibility after recording 100 tackles and 10 sacks at SUNY-Morrisville (NY).

Joe Monty DL 6'2" 235 Fort Collins, CO
All-Midlands selection by *SuperPrep*. Brother Pete is Wisconsin's career tackle leader.

Tony Moss RB 6'0" 170 St. Louis, MO
A *PrepStar* All-America pick. Earned honorable mention all-state and All-St. Louis honors after rushing for 1,068 yards and 14 TDs.

Levonne Rowan DB 6'1" 180 Erie, PA
Ranked among the Top 100 players in the East Region by *Rivals100.com*.

Dwayne Smith RB 5'11" 215 Chicago, IL
Ranked the No. 51 RB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*. School record holder with 3,296 yards rushing and 34 TDs.

Booker Stanley RB 5'10" 195 Milwaukee, WI
Selected to Power Bar All-America team. Ranked the No. 3 RB prospect in the Midwest by *PrepStar*.

Joe Stellmacher DB 6'1" 175 Berlin, WI
Recorded 151 tackles and seven INTs as a senior. Earned all-state honors.

John Stocco QB 6'2" 180 Richfield, MN
Ranked the No. 21 pro-style QB in the country by *Rivals100.com*.

Steve VandeVoort LB 6'2" 200 Waunakee, WI
Second-team all-state honoree by *The Associated Press* and *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

LaMarr Watkins RB 6'1" 205 Mt. Laurel, NJ
All-Northeast honoree by *SuperPrep* and All-East selection by *PrepStar* and *Prep Football Report*.

Brandon White WR 6'3" 175 Palm Beach, FL
All-Dixie Region choice by *SuperPrep*. Ranked the No. 109 WR in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Andre Williams DL 6'2" 285 Pittsburgh, PA
Named to the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* "Fabulous 22" team as a senior.

Brandon Williams WR 5'11" 170 St. Louis, MO
Caught 97 passes for 2,157 yards and returned 58 punts for 1,210 yards during prep career.

Mark Zalewski LB 6'2 230 Wausau, WI
Earned All-America honors from *PrepStar*. Ranked the the No. 40 ILB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.



Dynamic Duo?

Wisconsin thought they had the nation's premier one-two punch. Has an injury to Lee Evans derailed an offensive juggernaut?

by Jeff Potrykus

As he viewed the gruesome scene from his seat in the coaches' box at Camp Randall Stadium, Brian White began to feel ill.

Prone on the artificial turf was Lee Evans, the University of Wisconsin's most dominating player and one of the more dynamic wide receivers in America.

The ligaments in Evans' left knee were torn apart.

One innocent pass play had ruined Wisconsin's spring game and, most likely, altered the course of the Badgers' 2002 season.

"Obviously it is pretty devastating to see the best wide receiver in the country, certainly the best football player on our team, hurt in the spring game," says White, entering his fourth season as Wisconsin's offensive coordinator. "It really rips your heart out. You get the emptiest feeling in your stomach because of the caliber of kid and the commitment he makes to your team.

"I felt like I wanted to vomit."

Evans, who caught 75 passes for a Big Ten-record 1,545 yards as a junior last season, suffered the injury on April 20. Subsequent tests revealed tears in the anterior cruciate ligament and the medial collateral ligament.

Evans knew he would face surgery and a brutal rehabilitation, lasting anywhere from four to eight months. How much of the 2002 season Evans misses will depend upon a variety of factors, including how diligently he works to rehabilitate the ligaments. Then-tailback Broderick Williams suffered a torn ACL in his left knee in April 2001 and returned to the lineup for the Badgers' Sept. 8 game against Fresno State game. However, Williams has since acknowledged he didn't feel 100 percent until the final three games of the regular season.

"You always have to have a contingency plan," wide receivers coach Henry Mason says, "but until they tell me that Lee is not going to play, you have to go into the season thinking he'll play. If he's not, he's not. Our offense is not going to change dramatically because he is not playing.

"The play book is nothing more than a menu. When you go into a restaurant you don't order everything off the menu. You have some choices. We'll be prepared either way."

The job of picking and choosing from the revised menu to compensate for Evans' absence will fall to White.

Prior to April 20, the Badgers anticipated fielding arguably the most productive wide receiver-tailback tandem in the nation in Evans and Anthony Davis. Last season as a redshirt freshman, Davis finished No. 4 nationally in rushing at 133.3 yards per game, led the Big Ten in rushing with 1,466 yards, was named conference Freshman of the Year and a first-team all-conference pick.

With Evans sidelined indefinitely, White will have to lean more heavily upon Davis, senior quarterback Brooks Bollinger and a stable of talented but largely inexperienced receivers.

"Last year I did what I was coached to do," says Davis, who helped the Badgers set a Big Ten record with a 1,000-yard rusher for a ninth consecutive season. "I mean, the coaches prepared me well enough. And between preparation and ability, great things are accomplished.

"I think I'm definitely more comfortable out there this year. I'm focusing on the little things and trying to improve everything I do. My main aim is to get better at everything. And that is when you get the most gains, when you start to become a perfectionist and try to improve every little detail of the game."

With all five starters on the offensive line back, Davis could post even better numbers, though opposing defenses almost certainly will devote more personnel to stop the run with Evans out.

"With all that he accomplished last year — which was pretty impressive for any back — I know in the bottom of my heart that he can get a lot better," White says of Davis. "And he will get a lot better and add a tremendous dimension to our football team this year.

"I expect him to make a dramatic jump in his performance level. I don't think he has come close to tapping the ceiling."

If Davis is to reach that ceiling and the Badgers are to compensate for the loss of Evans, unheralded receivers such as Darrin Charles, Jonathon Orr and Travann Hayes will have to dramatically accelerate their learning curve.

"Not one person is ever going to replace Lee," White says. "So collectively everyone has got to do a little bit more and work harder and commit more and pick up the slack somehow, someway. And we will.

"If Lee Evans can't play for us next year, we still have to play 13 games. We can't cancel the season."

Of the three young receivers, only Charles played last season. The 6'6" freshman saw action in all 12 games and finished with 14 catches for 186 yards, 13.3 yards per catch, and two touchdowns. However, Charles has added 15 pounds to hit the 205-pound mark and showed during the spring he is more capable of using his huge wingspan to overwhelm smaller defensive backs. In the spring game he ran a variety of routes and finished with eight catches for 148 yards (18.5 yards per catch) and a touchdown.

"The thing that I was really happy about was that he really attacked the ball like he needs to if he is going to be considered a good receiver," Mason says. "He dug some balls out in situations he knew he was going to get whacked. He caught the ball in wide-open spaces. He went down the sideline and went over the top of a guy to catch the ball and we got him on a fade in the end zone."

Orr, who is 6'3" and has long arms, finished with four catches for 65 yards. Hayes, a glider who is deceptively quick, had two catches for 35 yards and is beginning to show the form that allowed him to set an Illinois

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state high school record for all-purpose yards with 5,511.

"It's important that people understand that none of those guys is Lee Evans," Mason cautions. "Lee Evans is one of the best players in college football. It is like when Ron left — it is a different situation obviously — but you're not going to replace Ron Dayne.

"But, guys still have to be able to perform. Guys still have to be counted on to make plays. The bottom line is that they are college football players. They came here for a reason and we expect them to contribute. They're going to have to do it a little sooner than they thought."

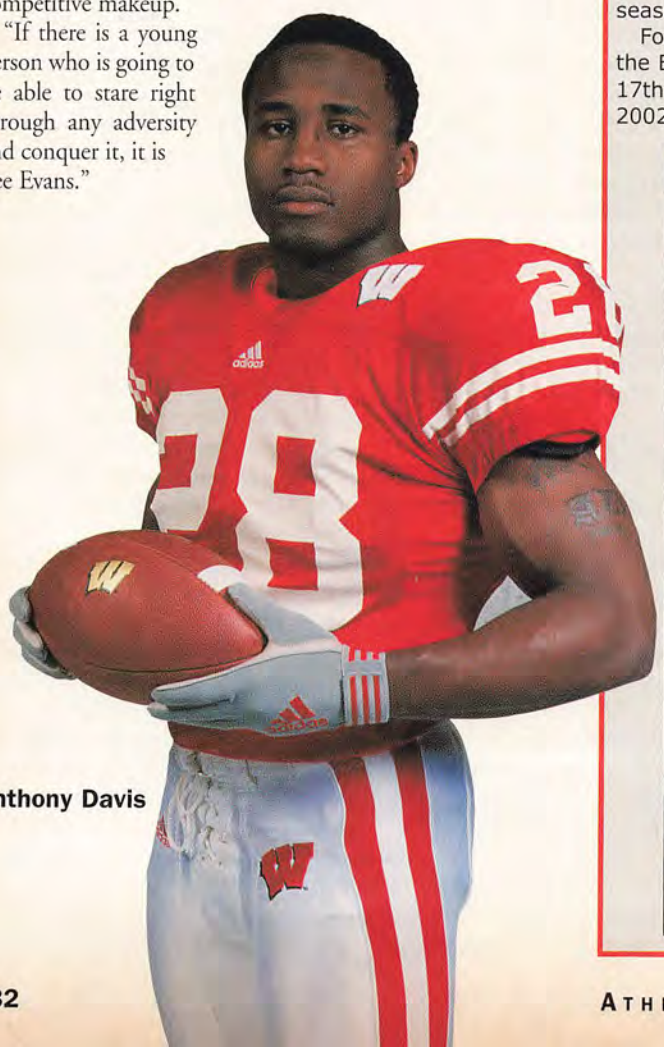
Evans, who played as a freshman in 1999, could opt to use his redshirt year if problems arise during his rehabilitation. However, the always-optimistic White doesn't believe that scenario will unfold. Rather, he envisions Davis having another outstanding season at tailback and the young receivers maturing rapidly in Evans' absence.

"Darrin Charles has to be a great player instead of a good player," White says. "Travann Hayes needs to become a good player instead of just a spotlight guy. Jonathon Orr needs to be a solid, productive Big Ten player. We just have to redistribute the wealth."

Finally, White envisions Evans returning to help the team this season, though he acknowledges the comeback won't be easy.

"The mental barrier is sometimes greater to overcome than the actual physical barrier," he says. "But Lee is going to bounce back and be a dominating player. The one thing I admire so much about Lee is his competitive makeup.

"If there is a young person who is going to be able to stare right through any adversity and conquer it, it is Lee Evans."



Anthony Davis

What could have been

In January, Lee Evans faced a life decision. Should he return to the University of Wisconsin, continue his education and play his senior year of football in Madison? Or should he declare himself eligible for the April 20 NFL Draft?

Evans made his choice, and April 20 was indeed a date that would dramatically alter his future. But instead of hearing his name called on the first day of the draft, Evans severely injured his knee on a routine pass route in the Badgers' spring game.

On one play, the world changed for Lee Evans. Sure, it certainly doesn't rank with world tragedies, but for one athlete, one knee injury can be life-changing.

Reports out of Madison say Evans will be ready to play for the Badgers in four to eight months. What exactly does "ready to play" mean? Is that ready to be the star receiver he was entering spring practice? Or does that mean he can run pass routes without risk of further injury?

And what about that timeframe? Four months means he will play most of the season, and potentially lead the Badgers to a New Year's Day bowl game. Eight months means he will miss almost the entire season.

The repercussions from the Wisconsin spring game were felt at *Athlon Sports*, as well. Prior to the injury, the accompanying feature story was about Wisconsin's Dynamic Duo of Evans and Anthony Davis. One of our photographers spent a day on campus shooting the two All-Americans. Did I say All-Americans? Prior to the injury Evans was an *Athlon Sports* first-team All-American. The two stars were supposed to be on the cover (*below*) together. That all changed on April 20.

So how does this affect Evans? We're rooting for him to emerge from rehab a stronger, faster player, enjoy his senior season and be a top 10 draft choice next April.

For Wisconsin, the Badgers dropped from second to third in the Big Ten preseason predictions and from 13th nationally to 17th. All because of one pass play to Lee Evans on April 20, 2002.



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Big 10 Future Stars

The clear winner in the recruiting wars for the Big Ten was Ohio State, and coach Jim Tressel has to be pleased. This is a class high in both quantity and quality, as the Buckeyes did their usual damage in the Midwest and dipped into talent-rich Florida as well. One could argue that seven of the prospects who signed with Ohio State were among the two or three top prospects at their position in America. On offense, quarterback Justin Zwick, fullback Maurice Clarett and linemen Derek Morris and Nick Mangold are all in the "can't miss" category.

If the Buckeyes own the league's top spot, Michigan and Penn State were not that far behind. The traditional powerhouses picked up some star-caliber talent as well.

The Wolverines landed outstanding defensive lineman Gabriel Watson, who has the strength and size to help quickly. Receiver Jason Avant is a big-time talent and could certainly help ease the loss of Marquise Walker. Look for Avant to catch many passes from quarterback Matt Gutierrez, who is one of the nation's finest incoming signal callers.

No doubt rival recruiters are using the sales pitch that Penn State's Joe Paterno will not be coaching too many more years. Is it working? Not by the look of this year's class as some very highly touted prospects chose to play for JoePa. The Nittany Lions signed running backs Brandon Snow, Chris Wilson and J.R. Zwierzynski, who are all big and can run. Offensive lineman Mark Farris and defensive lineman Tamba Hali are also certain difference-makers heading to State College.

Michigan State signed some of the nation's top offensive talent. Tailback David Richard, receiver Kyle Brown and quarterback Drew Stanton are bringing big numbers to East Lansing and are stars of the future.

Purdue also signed a top-caliber quarterback in Brandon Kirsch, who was one of the best in the Midwest. Defensive end Anthony Spencer is a keeper as well.

Defending league champion Illinois picked up talented tailback Ibrahim Halsey, who originally committed to Georgia only to change his mind. Wisconsin likes the look of Reginald Cribbs Jr. who is a hard-hitting linebacker. The top-rated prospect to sign with Iowa was hulking offensive lineman Chris Felder. Minnesota had some success as well by signing tailback Greg Pruitt Jr., whose father was a star at Oklahoma in the 1970s.

BIG TEN RECRUITING

1. OHIO STATE
2. MICHIGAN
3. PENN STATE
4. MICHIGAN STATE
5. PURDUE
6. ILLINOIS
7. WISCONSIN
8. IOWA
9. MINNESOTA
10. NORTHWESTERN
11. INDIANA

	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	School
1.	Mike D'Andrea	LB	6'3"	240	Avon Lake, OH	OHIO STATE
2.	Derek Morris	OL	6'6"	360	Huntersville, NC	OHIO STATE
3.	Justin Zwick	QB	6'4"	215	Massillon, OH	OHIO STATE
4.	Maurice Clarett	RB	6'0"	230	Warren, OH	OHIO STATE
5.	Gabriel Watson	DL	6'4"	334	Novi, MI	MICHIGAN
6.	David Richard Jr.	RB	6'1"	234	St. Louis, MO	MICHIGAN STATE
7.	Tamba Hali	DL	6'4"	255	Teaneck, NJ	PENN STATE
8.	Kyle Brown	WR	6'1"	195	W. Bloomfield, MI	MICHIGAN STATE
9.	Doug Datish	OL	6'5"	290	Warren, OH	OHIO STATE
10.	Quinn Pitcock	DL	6'4"	285	Piqua, OH	OHIO STATE
11.	Matt Gutierrez	QB	6'4"	210	Concord, CA	MICHIGAN
12.	William Cooper	DB	6'1"	180	Flint, MI	MICHIGAN
13.	Jason Avant	WR	6'2"	200	Chicago, IL	MICHIGAN
14.	Brandon Snow	RB	6'2"	225	Newark, DE	PENN STATE
15.	Nick Mangold	OL	6'4"	270	Kettering, OH	OHIO STATE
16.	Nate Salley	DB	6'3"	180	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	OHIO STATE
17.	Mark Farris	OL	6'6"	295	Pittsburgh, PA	PENN STATE
18.	Darnell Hood	RB	5'10"	186	Detroit, MI	MICHIGAN
19.	R.J. Coleman	TE	6'5"	265	Clarksburg, WV	OHIO STATE
20.	Drew Stanton	QB	6'4"	216	Farmington Hills, MI	MICHIGAN STATE

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GMAC Financial Services

presents the Mid-American Conference Preview

The Mid-American Conference enjoyed unprecedented success in 2001. The league placed two teams in bowl games — Toledo in the Motor City and Marshall in the GMAC — for the first time ever and had two schools (Toledo No. 22 and Marshall No. 23) ranked in the final Coaches poll.

This up-and-coming conference figures to be even stronger in 2002 with the addition of Central Florida — a school that has won 11 of 15 games against MAC teams since its move to Division I-A in 1996.

Marshall will once again be the team to beat in the East. Quarterback Byron Leftwich will be a serious contender for the Heisman Trophy after passing for 4,132 yards and 38 TDs (with just seven interceptions) in 2001. Newcomer UCF will immediately compete for a championship and should be Marshall's biggest hurdle.

Tradition-rich Miami University, led by 2001 MAC Freshman of the Year Ben Roethlisberger, looks to play a major role in deciding the East. Last year, upstart Kent State posted its first winning season since Glen Mason was the coach in the late 1980s. The Golden Flashes should make the East division race interesting behind elusive quarterback Joshua Cribbs. Akron, Ohio University and Buffalo look to rebuild but will be more talented this season.

Bowling Green, which moves from the Eastern Division, will make the West even more balanced than it's been in recent years. With multi-talented quarterback Josh Harris, Urban Meyer's Bowling Green club showed tremendous promise last year with victories over arch-rival Toledo, Missouri and Northwestern. Toledo must replace its all-time leading rusher, Chester Taylor, as well as All-MAC quarterback Tavares Bolden. Western Michigan suffered major graduation losses, while Northern Illinois and Ball State are looking to continue their upward mobility in the West.

Central Michigan has slowly improved under Mike DeBord and returns nine starters on both sides of the ball. Eastern Michigan fielded one of college football's youngest teams in 2001 as head coach Jeff Woodruff attempts to rebuild the Eagles' program.

THE MAC ATHLON AWARDS



QBs	Marshall
RBs	Akron
TE/WRs	Marshall
O-Line	Toledo
D-Line	Western Michigan
LBs	Toledo
DBs	Northern Illinois

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	EAST	WEST
1.	Marshall	Bowling Green
2.	UCF	Northern Illinois
3.	Miami	Toledo
4.	Kent State	Ball State
5.	Akron	Western Michigan
6.	Ohio University	Central Michigan
7.	Buffalo	Eastern Michigan

PRESEASON ALL-MAC

OFFENSE

QB	Byron Leftwich	6'6"	240	Sr.	Marshall
RB	Marcus Merriweather	6'0"	209	Sr.	Ball State
RB	Thomas Hammock	5'8"	214	Sr.	Northern Illinois
OL	Nick Kaczur	6'6"	300	So.	Toledo
OL	Nathan McPeek	6'5"	321	Jr.	Marshall
OL	Kyle Crosky	6'3"	310	Sr.	Central Michigan
OL	Tim Vincent	6'6"	289	Sr.	Northern Illinois
OL	Chris Tuminello	6'3"	282	Sr.	Toledo
TE	Chad Bartoszek	6'6"	255	Sr.	Buffalo
WR	Darius Watts	6'2"	183	Jr.	Marshall
WR	Josh Davis	6'1"	195	So.	Marshall

DEFENSE

DL	Ryan Terry	6'2"	353	Sr.	Miami
DL	DeMarcus Johnson	6'4"	295	Jr.	UCF
DL	Elton Patterson	6'2"	275	Sr.	UCF
DL	Anthony Allsbury	6'2"	253	Sr.	Western Michigan
LB	Tom Ward	6'1"	236	Sr.	Toledo
LB	Lorenzo Scott	6'2"	210	Jr.	Ball State
LB	David Gardner	6'2"	231	Sr.	Toledo
DB	Lionel Hickenbottom	5'11"	187	Jr.	Northern Illinois
DB	Matt Robillard	6'3"	220	Sr.	Miami
DB	Vince Thompson	5'10"	178	Sr.	Northern Illinois
DB	Asante Samuel	5'11"	190	Sr.	UCF

SPECIALISTS

K	Steve Azar	5'8"	192	Jr.	Northern Illinois
P	Curtis Head	5'11"	179	Sr.	Marshall
KR	Doug Gabriel	6'2"	205	Sr.	UCF
PR	Donta Greene	5'7"	180	Sr.	Toledo

MAC Future Stars

The Mid-American Conference capitalized on its recent success with perhaps the best recruiting haul in the history of the league. In fact, many of the 2002 MAC signees had attractive offers from major-conference schools but opted to sign with the lower-profile MAC. Overall, the West Division did a little better than the East, but newcomer UCF takes first prize as having the top overall class.

Although UCF hit the junior college circuit hard, the Golden Knights' recruiting efforts with incoming freshmen were equally impressive. Linebackers Tywin Kalandyk and Chad Mascoe and defensive lineman DeMarcus Johnson will form the backbone of what should be an outstanding UCF defensive front for years to come.

Toledo lost first-team All-MAC running back Chester Taylor to the NFL, but the Rockets bring in Quinton Broussard, a highly touted running back from Texas. Multi-talented quarterback Omar Jacobs has jumped on board at Bowling Green, where Urban Meyer is building the Falcons into one of the league's top programs. Northern Illinois, known for its top running backs of late, signed another good one in Adrian Davis from Wisconsin. And Vincent Davis, a speedy linebacker from Florida, will join the Ball State program in the fall.

While many schools were building depth or looking for those 'diamonds in the rough' missed by the bigger schools, a few more headliners found their way into MAC schools. Buffalo has a limited football history, but Michael Radon, the Western New York Player of the Year, spurned several major offers to play for the Bulls. Tradition-rich Miami University signed a tremendous player in linebacker Matt Vogele from nearby North Bend, Ohio. Marshall had only a few scholarships available but used them wisely with players like running back "Tank" Tunstalle, who spurned the home-state Mountaineers for the Herd.

Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan had solid classes and convinced many Michigan players to stay at home, while Kent State hit the state of Maryland hard to fill its class. Akron, Ohio and Western Michigan all filled needs and signed quality classes as well.

MAC RECRUITING

1. UCF
2. TOLEDO
3. NORTHERN ILLINOIS
4. BOWLING GREEN
5. BALL STATE
6. OHIO UNIVERSITY
7. EASTERN MICHIGAN
8. MARSHALL
9. AKRON
10. BUFFALO
11. CENTRAL MICHIGAN
12. WESTERN MICHIGAN
13. MIAMI
14. KENT STATE

	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	School
1.	Tywin Kalandyk	LB	6'2"	210	Live Oaks, FL	UCF
2.	Chad Mascoe	LB	6'2"	250	Kissimmee, FL	UCF
3.	DeMarcus Johnson	DT	6'4"	295	Tallahassee, FL	UCF
4.	Quinton Broussard	RB	5'9"	180	Carrollton, TX	Toledo
5.	Omar Jacobs	QB	6'4"	215	Delray Beach, FL	Bowling Green
6.	Adrian Davis	RB	5'8"	195	Kenosha, WI	Northern Illinois
7.	Matt Vogele	LB	6'1"	230	North Bend, OH	Miami
8.	"Tank" Tunstalle	RB	6'1"	205	New Richmond, WV	Marshall
9.	Michael Radon	QB	6'1"	175	Buffalo, NY	Buffalo
10.	Larry Peoples	OL	6'6"	290	Jacksonville, FL	UCF
11.	Brad Seiss	RB	6'0"	195	Warsaw, IN	Ball State
12.	Mike Donaldson	OL	6'6"	325	Mansfield, OH	Akron
13.	Jamar Landrum	DB	6'2"	200	Pontiac, MI	Toledo
14.	Mike Berry	DE	6'5"	240	Chicago, IL	Akron
15.	Jamar White	LB	6'3"	235	Dolton, IL	EMU
16.	Vincent Davis	LB	6'3"	200	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Ball State
17.	Terna Nande	LB	6'1"	210	Grand Rapids, MI	Miami
18.	Duane Robinson	DE	6'4"	240	Cudahy, WI	Western Michigan
19.	Eric Karbowski	OL	6'3"	294	Standish, MI	Central Michigan
20.	Dominic Moran	OL	6'5"	275	Rochester Hills, MI	Western Michigan

Zips

MAC East Prediction: 5th
National Forecast: #105

Perhaps no team in the MAC can sell the sizzle as well as the Zips. But recently something always seems to derail the season short of expectations.

Last year injuries and a poor defense were the main culprits in a 4–7 campaign. Injuries come with the game. An awful defense (32.7 ppg and 470.5 ypg allowed), however, can be fixed.

Akron head coach Lee Owens fully expects that to happen — and quickly. "We have the best front seven since I've been here," he says. "We have more depth, more size, more athletic ability than any year since I have been here."

quarterbacks

Sophomore Charlie Frye was one of many freshman quarterbacks who emerged in a big way around the MAC last season. Others had stronger arms or faster feet, but when it came to execution, delivery of the football and on-field command, Frye had few peers. He passed for 2,053 yards and nine touchdowns in his first tour through the MAC.

Junior Nick Sparks returns as a two-position performer. A talented athlete who was the No. 1 QB last year before suffering a toe injury in the opener, Sparks will be Frye's backup but will also be used as a wideout.

running backs



If there is one position where the Zips always seem to be loaded it is at tailback. And this season the cupboard is overflowing. Senior Brandon Payne returns from a knee injury to push starter Bob Hendry. Those two combined for 1,317 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2001. Both averaged better than 90 yards rushing per game and right at 5.0 yards per carry. They will be joined by Marcus Sanders, a transfer from Minnesota, and redshirt freshman Thomas Plummer.



Akron SID

Bob Hendry

receivers

The name to know is Matt Cherry. His sophomore season got off to a slow start, but by the end of the year he had delivered some solid numbers — 48 catches, 630 yards— and made some acrobatic catches. He's 6'1", 184 pounds and has the ability to catch passes over the middle and burn the defense down the field.

Sparks, the backup quarterback, is another big-play threat.

offensive linemen

The offensive line is the big question mark; the Zips lost five starters here from last season, including their tight end. Owens made his mark as an offensive line coach, so this bunch will be sound, albeit young. There will be no seniors from tackle to tackle on the two-deep, and several of the juniors come from the junior college ranks and still have to settle in at the I-A level. Sophomore guard Aaron Conley is the only starter back from last year.

2 Brandon Payne needs just 650 yards rushing in his senior season to become the No. 2 all-time rusher at Akron. He has 2,405 yards through three seasons. The Zips' top rusher, Mike Clark (4,257 yards), is most likely out of reach.

defensive linemen

This is a potential team strength, particularly if sophomore end Dwayne LeFall maintains his eligibility. He sat out last season for academic reasons, leaving the Zips without a top pass rusher. Seniors Ryan Schulz and Ryan Gargasz will be solid at the tackle spots, as will junior Marques Hayes at the other end. But they will need help behind them. Hayes responded to his move from linebacker to end with 10 tackles for a loss and six sacks last fall.

linebackers

Historically, the Zips can run and hit with the best in the league. But too often in recent years that reputation has come downfield, not near the line of scrimmage.

The talent is on hand, however, to field a strong linebacking corps this fall. Senior Ryan Myers, who led the team with 77 tackles last season, is the standout. Redshirt freshman Diontre Earl showed promise before getting hurt the second game of the season.

defensive backs

Much improvement is needed here. However, the Zips have been known to rebuild their secondary fairly quickly after a down season. Look for safety John Fuller and cornerback Rickey McKenzie to be sound and aggressive with full seasons as starters under their belts.

specialists

Junior punter Andy Jerdon is solid (38.2 yards per kick), but a replacement for kicker Zac Derr must be found.

Hendry proved last season he is fearless as a kickoff return man. But Payne had his troubles fielding punts, which opened the door for Cherry, who responded with an average of 16.3 yards on the 10 punts he returned.

2002 Akron Roster

2001 Record: 4–7
MAC Record 4–4
Head Coach Lee Owens

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
8	Amos, Corvin	DB	5'9"	187	Jr.	Akron, OH
83	Bailey, Charles	WR	6'0"	172	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
25	Barbee, Ashanti	FB	5'10"	237	Jr.	Columbus, OH
36	Basch, Dan	FB	6'0"	233	Jr.	Walton Hills, OH
98	Beard, Dorian	DL	6'0"	260	Fr.	Verona, PA
88	Beauchesne, Geoffrey	TE	6'5"	245	So.	Montreal, PQ
44	Blackburn, Chase	LB	6'3"	223	So.	Marysville, OH
61	Borrieci, Jim	OL	6'3"	280	So.	Dublin, OH
33	Brake, Mike	TE	6'4"	252	Jr.	Hilliard, OH
52	Bridger, Jumbo	OL	6'2"	300	Jr.	Fresno, CA
41	Carlisle, Mark	LB	6'2"	210	Fr.	Carroll, OH
34	Carter, Matt	RB	5'9"	178	Jr.	Copley, OH
2	Cherry, Matt	WR	6'1"	184	Jr.	Chicago, IL
69	Conley, Aaron	OL	6'3"	295	So.	Wooster, OH
91	Conley, Mark	DL	6'2"	250	Fr.	Lakewood, OH
78	Cummins, Jud	OL	6'4"	294	Jr.	Upper Arlington, OH
66	Dibble, Nathan	OL	6'4"	240	Fr.	Akron, OH
51	Earl, Diontre	LB	5'11"	221	Fr.	Toledo, OH
27	Elie, Dion	WR	6'2"	185	Fr.	Atlanta, GA
19	Ellington, Morris	WR	5'11"	183	So.	Orlando, FL
7	Faler, Micah	QB	6'2"	176	Jr.	Columbus, OH
65	Feller, Aaron	OL	6'4"	289	So.	Dover, OH
38	Fortener, Nick	TE	6'1"	243	Sr.	Kettering, OH
5	Frye, Charlie	QB	6'4"	200	So.	Willard, OH
18	Fuller, John	DB	6'2"	192	So.	North Canton, OH
95	Gardner, Bobby	DL	6'4"	230	So.	Hamilton, OH
94	Gargasz, Ryan	DL	6'6"	260	Sr.	Volant, PA
16	Gill, Jonathan	QB	6'2"	221	Jr.	Flushing, NY
15	Goodwin, Jamie	WR	5'11"	160	Fr.	McKeesport, PA
71	Grzeskowiak, Mike	OL	6'6"	315	So.	North Olmsted, OH
21	Hall, Ben	WR	6'3"	207	Fr.	East Canton, OH
84	Harris, Terry	TE	6'4"	244	Fr.	Sidney, OH
31	Hartman, Jason	DB	5'9"	197	Sr.	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
86	Hayes, Marques	DL	6'1"	250	Jr.	Flint, MI
76	Hein, Justin	OL	6'7"	335	Fr.	Lakewood, OH
39	Heinl, Andy	K	6'0"	175	Fr.	Tipp City, OH
42	Hendry, Bob	RB	5'10"	200	Jr.	North Canton, OH
50	Heslop, Matt	LB	6'0"	223	So.	Dublin, OH
54	Hill, Josh	DL	6'2"	220	Sr.	Massillon, OH
4	Hughes, Marik	K/P	6'0"	170	Fr.	Wintersville, OH
3	Irvin, Miguel	WR	6'2"	185	Jr.	Akron, OH
46	Jerdon, Andy	P	5'11"	199	Jr.	Eaton, OH
10	Kosir, Nick	P	6'0"	175	Fr.	Wooster, OH
83	LeFall, Dwayne	DL	6'3"	248	So.	Oakland, CA
33	Martin, Andreyan	DB	5'7"	170	Fr.	Akron, OH
90	Maybury, Jace	TE	6'5"	215	Sr.	Hebron, OH
13	McCray, Junior	RB	5'4"	165	Sr.	Akron, OH
1	McKenzie, Rickey	DB	6'0"	184	Jr.	Elkhart, IN
25	Miller, Delmas	DB	5'9"	180	Fr.	Franklin Heights, OH
81	Montgomery, Jason	WR	6'1"	189	Fr.	Southfield, MI
56	Myers, Ryan	LB	6'1"	230	Sr.	Wellington, OH
17	Neer, Ryan	LB	5'11"	200	Sr.	Dublin, OH
28	Payne, Brandon	RB	5'10"	200	Sr.	Rankin, PA
62	Piccirillo, Mike	OL	6'2"	295	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
30	Plummer, Thomas	RB	6'1"	210	Fr.	Etobicoke, ON
57	Radich, Joe	LB	6'1"	225	So.	Massillon, OH
40	Ringer, Jerell	RB	5'11"	198	Fr.	Dayton, OH
45	Robinette, Ryan	LB	6'2"	220	So.	Stow, OH
58	Robinson, Matt	LB	6'1"	228	Jr.	Youngstown, OH
43	Rouault, Robby	WR	6'3"	185	Fr.	Columbus, OH
20	Sanders, Marcus	RB	5'10"	180	So.	Ravenna, OH
93	Schulz, Ryan	DL	6'4"	257	Sr.	Uniontown, OH
70	Shaw, Bryan	OL	6'3"	283	Jr.	Youngstown, OH
55	Sheldon, Brad	LB	6'2"	200	Fr.	Rochester, MI
37	Silveus, Bret	DB	5'10"	205	Fr.	Liberty Center, OH
11	Smith, Jesse	DB	6'1"	180	Jr.	Liberty Center, OH
9	Sparks, Nick	QB/WR	6'3"	206	Jr.	Flint, MI
16	Spaulding, Richard	DB	6'3"	210	Fr.	New Albany, OH
49	Suber, Marcus	DB	5'11"	201	Sr.	Seaside, CA
92	Sutton, Doug	LB	6'4"	225	Jr.	Warren, OH
80	Szakos, Bates	WR	6'3"	187	Jr.	Greensburg, PA
39	Tetzel, Mark	LB	6'1"	230	Fr.	Doylestown, OH
32	Vaughns, Vince	DB	6'0"	177	Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK
47	Von Bergen, Rick	TE	6'1"	220	So.	Warren, OH
6	Washington, Ty	RB	5'8"	180	Sr.	Southfield, MI
84	Wilkes, Tim	DL	6'2"	246	Fr.	Akron, OH
29	Williams, Greg	DB	5'10"	180	So.	Canton, OH
21	Williams, Kris	DB	5'11"	178	Sr.	Oakland, CA

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	19	Morris Ellington (So.)	3	Miguel Irvin (Jr.)
FL	**2**	**Matt Cherry (Jr.)**	80	Bates Szakos (Jr.)
LT	70	Bryan Shaw (Jr.)	76	Justin Hein (Fr.)
LG	**69**	**Aaron Conley (So.)**	65	Aaron Feller (So.)
C	52	Jumbo Bridger (Jr.)	61	Jim Borrieci (So.)
RG	62	Mike Piccirillo (Jr.)	65	Aaron Feller (So.)
RT	78	Jud Cummins (Jr.)	71	Mike Grzeskowiak (So.)
TE	33	Mike Brake (Jr.)	38	Nick Fortener (Sr.)
QB	**5**	**Charlie Frye (So.)**	9	Nick Sparks (Jr.)
FB	36	Dan Basch (Jr.)	25	Ashanti Barbee (So.)
RB	**42**	**Bob Hendry (Jr.)**	28	Brandon Payne (Sr.)

Defense (6)

DE	83	Dwayne LeFall (So.)	84	Tim Wilkes (Fr.)
DT	**93**	**Ryan Schulz (Sr.)**	98	Dorian Beard (Fr.)
DT	**94**	**Ryan Gargasz (Sr.)**	95	Bobby Gardner (So.)
DE	**86**	**Marques Hayes (Jr.)**	54	Josh Hill (Sr.)
LB	44	Chase Blackburn (So.)	57	Joe Radich (So.)
LB	51	Diontre Earl (Fr.)	45	Ryan Robinette (So.)
LB	**56**	**Ryan Myers (Sr.)**	92	Doug Sutton (Jr.)
CB	**1**	**Rickey McKenzie (Jr.)**	29	Greg Williams (So.)
CB	8	Corvin Amos (Jr.)	11	Jesse Smith (Jr.)
SS	**18**	**John Fuller (So.)**	49	Marcus Suber (Sr.)
FS	21	Kris Williams (Sr.)	16	Richard Spaulding (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	39	Andy Heinl (Fr.)
P	46	Andy Jerdon (Jr.)
KR	42	Bob Hendry (Jr.)
PR	2	Matthew Cherry (Jr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Charlie Frye, 170-289-2,053-6, 9 TDs
Rushing: Bob Hendry, 160 car., 819 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving: Matt Cherry, 48 rec., 630 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Bob Hendry, 10 TDs, 62 points
Punting: Andy Jerdon, 54 punts, 38.2 avg.
Kicking: none
Tackles: Ryan Myers, 77, 58 solo
Tackles for loss: Marques Hayes, 10 for 51 yds.
Sacks: Marques Hayes, 6
Interceptions: Rickey McKenzie, 3 for 17 yds.
Kickoff returns: Matt Carter, 23 ret., 21.7 avg.
Punt returns: Matthew Cherry, 10 ret., 16.3 avg.

2001 Results

A. 30	Ohio	W	31–29
S. 8	at Ohio State	L	14–28
S. 22	at Purdue	L	14–33
S. 29	Kent State	W	14–10
O. 6	at Western Mich.	L	14–31
O. 13	at Miami (OH)	L	27–30
O. 20	Bowling Green	L	11–16
O. 27	at Marshall	L	33–50
N. 3	at Central Florida	L	17–57
N. 17	at Buffalo	W	41–14
N. 24	Eastern Michigan	W	65–62

2002 Signees

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Mike Berry	DL	6'5"	240	Chicago, IL

Ranked among the Top 30 Players in the state by the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Listed as No. 83 strong-side DE in the country by Rivals100.com.

Mike Bradshaw DB 6'0" 175 Flint, MI
A first-team all-city performer as a senior. Helped team to back-to-back city championships.

Jumbo Bridger OL 6'2" 300 Fresno, CA
Earned second-team all-state honors at Fresno City College as a sophomore.

Tim Crouch OL 6'4" 300 Dayton, OH
Earned All-Southwest Ohio honors in 2001.

Tyee Davis WR 6'3" 198 Montclair, NJ
A first-team All-Essex County performer. Caught 12 TDs on only 23 receptions.

Mike Donaldson OL 6'6" 325 Mansfield, OH
A second-team all-state honoree as a senior.

Jeff Garrison WR 6'3" 187 Greensburg, PA
A member of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* "Fab 22". Two-way player who earned all-state mention as a DB.

Gabriel Gonzalez DL 6'2" 265 Elizabeth, NJ
Earned second-team all-state honors as a senior. Rated the No. 59 strong-side DE in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Sekai Greer DB 6'0" 195 Oakland, CA
Named to the first-team junior college all-state team as a freshman at Chabot (CA) JC.

Mark Groza LB 6'4" 220 Akron, OH
Named the Northeast Inland District Defensive Player of the Year. Earned all-state Division IV honors in 2001.

Mario Harris DB 6'3" 190 Flint, MI
Awarded first-team all-state Division III honors as a senior.

David Hector DL 6'2" 290 Southfield, MI
Earned all-city and honorable mention all-state honors as a senior.

Domenik Hixon DB 6'2" 180 Columbus, OH
Recorded 140 tackles, five sacks and four INTs in 2001.

Aaron Holderman LB 6'3" 235 Perry, OH
Earned first-team Class IV All-State honors as a senior.

Ron Rease DB 6'1" 185 Toledo, OH
Named to the first-team all-city squad as a senior.

Jermaine Reid DL 6'4" 250 Toronto, ON
An ex-basketball player who played just two years of high school football.

Jay Rohr LB 6'1" 210 Massillon, OH
All-time leading rusher (3,226) and tackler (441) at Jackson (OH) HS. Conference Player of the Year in 2001.

Antonio Shippy DL 6'3" 340 Union, SC
Highly touted recruit who excels at stuffing the run with great power and technique at the point of attack.

Billy Sullivan K/P 6'1" 175 Niles, OH
Earned first-team Class II all-state honors as a punter in 2001.

Darius Thomas DL 6'3" 275 Miami, FL
Earned first-team all-state honors as a sophomore at Chabot (CA) CC.

Brian White LB 6'2" 260 Mansfield, OH
Awarded regional Player of the Year honors as a senior. All-state honorable mention.

Andy Wills OL 6'4" 280 Columbus, OH
A first-team Class III All-State honoree as a senior.

Bowling Green Falcons

MAC West Prediction: 1st
National Forecast: #52

Urban Meyer inherited a Bowling Green program rich in tradition but short on results in recent years. The 10-time MAC champions had slumped in the late 1990s before bottoming out in 2000 with a 2–9 record — the school's worst season since 1953.

In one short year, however, Meyer has the Falcons back among the MAC elite. Bowling Green won eight games in Meyer's first season, became the first MAC team to post victories over three BCS conference members (Missouri, Temple and Northwestern) in the same season and doubled its home attendance from 8,464 per game in 2000 to 17,812 in 2001. Meyer was the consensus MAC Coach of the Year and is now regarded one of the top young coaches in the country.

quarterbacks

Bowling Green boasts two quality quarterbacks and Meyer intends to play both Andy Sahm and Josh Harris. Sahm has more experience (31 games, 24 starts, 3,904 yards and 26 TDs) but Harris will be difficult to keep off the field if his play at the end of the 2001 season carries over to the fall. The junior threw for a combined 670 yards in the Falcons' final two games, wins at Northwestern and over rival Toledo.

running backs

Meyer was not pleased with Bowling Green's running-back production in 2001. "I'm not satisfied with our play in this area and our results were not acceptable here," he says. "We need a 1,200-yard rusher."

Joe Alls, Godfrey Lewis and Todd DiBacco are top backs heading into preseason camp. Alls (577 yards, three TDs) is the only one to average over 3.5 yards per carry.

receivers

Meyer has thirteen years as a receivers coach, so developing quality wideouts is his forte. Robert Redd is a big-time player who set a school record in 2001 with 72 catches for 884 yards, the fifth-best single-season total in school history. Sophomore Cole Magner also returns after being used as a quarterback, running back and receiver in 2001. James Hawkins could emerge during his sophomore season after catching just eight passes last fall. D'Monn Baker and Craig Jarrett are the top tight ends.

offensive linemen

What started out as a concern turned into one of the team's strengths by the end of the season. BGSU returns four starters from a unit that reduced its sack total from 51 in 2000 to 23 last fall. Jon Mazur, Greg Kupke, Dennis Wendel and Scott Mruczkowski return to the trenches, while Rob Warren, Ryan Lucas, Jesus Yanez, James Williams and Vardan Mkhitarian provide quality depth.

> **6** The Falcons' six-win improvement in 2001 marked the biggest improvement in Division I-A. BGSU went 2-9 in 2000 and 8-3 in 2001.

defensive linemen

Alex Glantzis is the lone returning starter from what was one of the MAC's top defensive lines last season. Noseguard D.J. Owchar should break into the starting lineup after playing in every game as a junior. Andy Grubb, Mike Thaler, Jamal Bryant and Robert Haley are young tackles who will need to step up and contribute this year. The defensive ends have some game experience, but are new to the demands of playing at length.

"The defensive line is our number one concern," says Meyer. "There is talent, but it is unproven."

linebackers

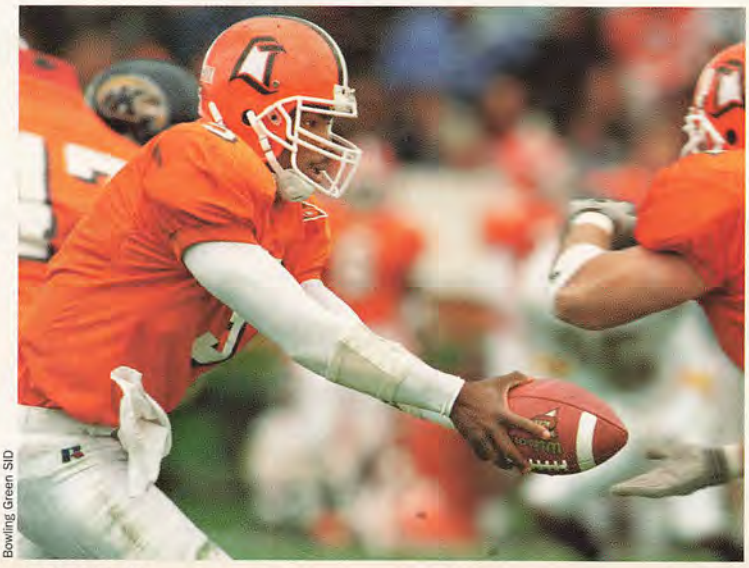
Chris Haneline is the lone returning starter, but Mitch Hewitt, Marcus Allen and Jovon Burkes each played in at least 10 games last fall. The coaching staff is high on Burkes, who they feel may become one of the MAC's top linebackers this year. Luis Llamas, Daniel Sayles and freshman Jason Kaminski provide quality depth.

defensive backs

Although BGSU lost both safeties to graduation, the Falcons return two solid cornerbacks in Janssen Patton, a second-team All-MAC pick in 2001, and Keon Newson. Michael Malone has been moved to strong safety and will be joined by Jason Morton, Mike Crumpler and Jerry Wagner. The coaches are excited about sophomore T.J. Carswell and true freshmen Tim Arnold, Jelani Jordan and Terrill Mayberry may also play.

specialists

The good news is the punting situation: Pat Fleming averaged a respectable 40.1 yards per punt and downed 20 kicks inside the 20-yard line. The bad news is the placekicking: Bowling Green converted just 3-of-8 field goals for the season. Shaun Suisham returns as the kicker, but will have to beat out redshirt freshman Nate Fry to keep his job.



Bowling Green SID

Josh Harris

2002 Bowling Green Roster

2001 Record: 8–3 | **MAC Record** 5–3 | **Head Coach** Urban Meyer

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
28	Allen, Marcus	LB	6'1"	212	Sr.	Columbus, OH
22	Allis, Joe	TB	5'10"	190	Sr.	Sterling Hghts., MI
87	Baker, D'Monn	TE	6'4"	250	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
33	Bannister, Irshad	DB	5'11"	190	Fr.	Toledo, OH
49	Blackmon, Darius	LB	6'1"	210	Fr.	Detroit, MI
95	Blue, Ron	DL	6'3"	245	So.	Upper St. Clair, PA
71	Bryant, Jamal	DL	6'1"	250	Fr.	Olmsted Falls, OH
41	Burkart, Aaron	LB	6'1"	205	Fr.	Columbus, OH
34	Burkes, Jovon	LB	6'1"	220	So.	Detroit, MI
24	Burt, Marlon	RB	5'11"	195	Fr.	Southfield, MI
12	Carswell, T.J.	DB	6'1"	185	So.	Irwinton, GA
40	Crossley, Mitchell	DE	6'3"	240	Fr.	Springfield, OH
31	Crumpler, Mike	DB	5'11"	180	Fr.	Mitchellville, MD
55	Culp, Jonathan	OL	6'6"	245	Fr.	Mason, OH
89	Davidson, Brittney	WR	6'3"	200	So.	Berea, OH
42	DiBacco, Todd	RB	6'1"	225	So.	Monaca, PA
48	Fleming, Pat	P	6'2"	190	Sr.	Ottawa, ON
46	Fry, Nate	K	5'10"	200	Fr.	Findlay, OH
93	Glantzis, Alex	DL	6'4"	280	Sr.	Mentor, OH
81	Griffith, Ian	LB	6'2"	199	Fr.	Livonia, MI
67	Grubb, Andy	DL	6'4"	255	So.	Leipsic, OH
51	Gutierrez, Joe	LS	6'3"	235	Sr.	Carson, CA
94	Haley, Robert	DL	6'4"	275	Jr.	Maple Heights, OH
44	Haneline, Chris	LB	6'1"	225	Sr.	N. Olmsted, OH
5	Harris, Josh	QB	6'3"	205	Jr.	Westerville, OH
62	Hart, Andrew	OL	6'5"	295	So.	Mentor, OH
82	Hawkins, James	WR	6'1"	215	So.	Brookpark, OH
6	Hendrix, Emmanuel	DB	5'10"	180	Sr.	Pahokee, FL
11	Hewitt, Mitch	LB	6'1"	210	Jr.	Chardon, OH
43	Hicks, Anthony	DB	6'0"	190	So.	Richwood, OH
84	Holman, Austin	WR	6'0"	195	Jr.	Randolph, NJ
96	Hunter, Michael	TE	6'4"	245	Fr.	Gahanna, OH
47	Jarrett, Craig	TE	6'2"	250	Jr.	Bellevue, OH
63	Kernahan, Chris	LB	6'0"	224	Fr.	Perrysburg, OH
98	Kokke, Pascal	DE	6'5"	230	Fr.	Calgary, AB
66	Kupke, Greg	OL	6'3"	290	Sr.	Sterling Hghts., MI
32	Lane, B.J.	RB	5'10"	195	Fr.	Ft. Washington, MD
36	Lett, Derrick	WR	6'0"	171	Fr.	Pensacola, FL
23	Lewis, Godfrey	TB	5'9"	190	Sr.	Toronto, ON
52	Llamas, Luis	LB	6'5"	245	Jr.	San Diego, CA
74	Lucas, Ryan	OL	6'4"	290	Jr.	Dublin, OH
21	Magner, Cole	QB/WR	6'2"	180	So.	Palmer, AK
30	Malone, Michael	DB	5'10"	185	Jr.	Portsmouth, OH
59	Mauer, Rick	DL	6'3"	240	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
72	Mazur, Jon	OL	6'2"	290	Sr.	Akron, OH
8	McGrady, Cornelius	WR	6'3"	194	So.	Reynoldsburg, OH
39	Messer, Phillip	K	6'1"	170	Jr.	Mansfield, OH
76	Mkhitarian, Vardan	OL	6'3"	290	Jr.	Burbank, CA
19	Morton, Jason	DB	6'0"	180	Jr.	Columbus, OH
79	Mruczkowski, Scott	OL	6'4"	300	So.	Garfield Hghts., OH
17	Newson, Keon	DB	6'0"	170	So.	Decatur, GA
83	Nicholson, John	WR	5'9"	170	Fr.	Bolingbrook, IL
88	Owchar, D.J.	DL	6'3"	275	Sr.	Windsor, ON
86	Owens, Darryl	WR	6'4"	182	Fr.	Barberton, OH
2	Patton, Janssen	DB	6'0"	180	Jr.	Stone Mnt., GA
1	Redd, Robert	WR	5'10"	195	Sr.	Dayton, OH
52	Runnells, Jeff	LB	6'3"	210	Jr.	San Dimas, CA
65	Russell, Chris	OL	6'8"	275	Fr.	Grand Ledge, MI
15	Sahm, Andy	QB	6'6"	220	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
20	Sanders, Steve	WR	6'3"	180	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
53	Sayles, Daniel	LB	5'11"	185	So.	Warner Robins, GA
35	Sharon, Charles	WR	6'1"	165	Fr.	Palatka, FL
64	Sharpe, Lavelle	LB	5'11"	195	Fr.	Akron, OH
38	Suisham, Shaun	K	6'0"	180	So.	Wallaceburg, ON
97	Teague, Will	DL	6'5"	240	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
77	Thaler, Mike	DL	6'1"	290	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
37	Wagner, Jerry	DB	5'11"	200	Sr.	Dayton, OH
58	Warren, Rob	OL	6'6"	285	Fr.	Mentor, OH
78	Wendel, Dennis	OL	6'7"	315	Sr.	St. Henry, OH
75	Wenstrup, Andy	OL	6'5"	290	So.	Cincinnati, OH
54	Williams, James	OL	6'5"	295	Jr.	Trenton, OH
60	Yanez, Jesus	OL	6'3"	295	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR	21	Cole Magner (So.)	35	Charles Sharon (Fr.)
WR	82	James Hawkins (So.)	8	Cornelius McGrady (So.)
LT	**78**	**Dennis Wendel (Sr.)**	58	Rob Warren (Fr.)
LG	**79**	**Scott Mruczkowski (So.)**	74	Ryan Lucas (Jr.)
C	**72**	**Jon Mazur (Sr.)**	60	Jesus Yanez (Jr.)
RG	**66**	**Greg Kupke (Sr.)**	75	Andy Wenstrup (So.)
RT	54	James Williams (Jr.)	76	Vardan Mkhitarian (Jr.)
TE	**87**	**D'Monn Baker (Jr.)**	47	Craig Jarrett (Jr.)
QB	**5**	**Josh Harris (Jr.)**	15	Andy Sahm (Sr.)
TB	**22**	**Joe Alls (Sr.)**	23	Godfrey Lewis (Sr.)
WR	**1**	**Robert Redd (Sr.)**	83	John Nicholson (Fr.)

Defense (4)

DE	40	Mitchell Crossley (Fr.)	95	Ron Blue (So.)
NT	88	D.J. Owchar (Sr.)	67	Andy Grubb (So.)
DT	**93**	**Alex Glantzis (Sr.)**	94	Robert Haley (Jr.)
DE	97	Will Teague (Sr.)	98	Pascal Kokke (Fr.)
SLB	34	Jovon Burkes (So.)	28	Marcus Allen (Sr.)
MLB	**44**	**Chris Haneline (Sr.)**	52	Luis Llamas (Jr.)
WLB	11	Mitch Hewitt (Jr.)	53	Daniel Sayles (So.)
CB	**2**	**Janssen Patton (Jr.)**	6	Emmanuel Hendrix (Sr.)
CB	**17**	**Keon Newson (So.)**		Tim Arnold (Fr.)
SS	19	Jason Morton (Jr.)	30	Michael Malone (Jr.)
FS	37	Jerry Wagner (Sr.)	31	Mike Crumpler (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	38	Shaun Suisham (So.)
P	48	Pat Fleming (Sr.)
KR	22	Joe Alls (Sr.)
PR	1	Robert Redd (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Andy Sahm, 122-198-1,326-10, 11 TDs
Rushing: Josh Harris, 126 car., 614 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving: Robert Redd, 72 rec., 884 yds., 9 TDs
Scoring: Robert Redd, 10 TDs, 60 points
Punting: Pat Fleming, 54 punts, 40.1 avg.
Kicking: Shaun Suisham, 3-8 FGs, 44-45 XPs, 53 points
Tackles: Chris Haneline, 78, 42 solo
Tackles for loss: Chris Haneline, 11 for 39 yds.
Sacks: Chris Haneline, 5
Interceptions: Janssen Patton, 4 for 4 yds.
Kickoff returns: Joe Alls, 13 ret., 26.9 avg.
Punt returns: Robert Redd, 35 ret., 11.0 avg.

2001 Results

S. 1	at Missouri	W	20–13
S. 8	Buffalo	W	35– 0
S. 22	Temple	W	42–23
S. 29	at Marshall	L	31–37
O. 6	Kent State	W	24– 7
O. 13	at Western Michigan	L	28–37
O. 20	at Akron	W	16–11
N. 3	Miami (OH)	L	21–24
N. 10	at Ohio	W	17– 0
N. 17	at Northwestern	W	43–42
N. 23	Toledo	W	56–21

2002 Signees

Tim Arnold DB 5'9" 196 Clinton, MD
Named to the all-metro squad by the *Washington Post* and Washington Pigskin Club in 2001.

Kenneth Brantley II WR 5'11" 180 Shreveport, LA
A two-time all-district performer at perennial powerhouse champion Evangel Christian Academy.

Jay Cochran OL 6'3" 300 Dayton, OH
Earned All-Southwest Ohio honors as a senior.

Monty Cooley DL 6'2" 260 Carter, GA
Recorded 70 tackles and 5.5 sacks as a senior.

Reggie Corner WR 5'10" 165 Canton, OH
Rated among the Top 75 WR prospects in the country by *Rivals100.com*.

Jason Hollingsworth LB 6'3" 190 Marietta, GA
Recorded 118 tackles and 10 sacks as a senior.

Omar Jacobs QB 6'4" 215 Delray Beach, FL
Rated as the No. 52 pro-style QB in the country by *Rivals100.com*. Threw for 2,670 yards as a senior.

Jamien Johnson LB 6'1" 223 Ft. Washington, MD
An all-county selection as a senior.

Van Johnson QB 6'1" 180 Union City, GA
Threw for 800 yards and nine TDs as a senior.

Brandon Jones WR 6'0" 170 Gahanna, OH
Rushed for 1,110 yards and caught 25 passes for 490 yards as a senior. A first-team All-Ohio Capital Conference honoree in 2001.

Jelani Jordan DB 5'10" 175 Atlanta, GA
Earned All-North Fulton County and all-city honors.

Jason Kaminski LB 6'3" 220 Dale City, VA
Played one year at Hargrave Military (VA) Academy.

John Lanning OL 6'3" 275 Alpharetta, GA
A first-team all-region and All-North Fulton-Cherokee County honoree at OL as a senior.

Matt Leininger DL 6'3" 260 Napoleon, OH
A first-team all-state and all-district selection in 2001.

Derrick Markray OL 6'5" 334 Detroit, MI
Rated the No. 39 prospect in the state by analyst Mick McCabe.

Terrill Mayberry DB 5'11" 170 Farmington Hills, MI
Honored as a Blue Chip prospect by the *Detroit Free Press* and the *Detroit News*.

Vardan Mkhitarian OL 6'3" 285 Burbank, CA
Transferred from Pasadena (CA) CC where he earned All-Mission Conference North honors as a tackle.

Will Myles QB 5'11" 185 Chicago, IL
Threw for 1,492 yards and 12 TDs as a senior. Rated the No. 66 CB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Steve Navarro TE 6'2" 230 Orland Park, IL
Caught 17 passes for 350 yards as a senior. Earned all-area honors in 2001.

Ted Piepkow LB 6'0" 205 Clark Lake, MI
Helped team win back-to-back state championships. Named MVP of the 2001 state title game as a QB.

P.J. Pope RB 5'9" 210 Fairfield, OH
Rushed for 2,230 yards and 36 TDs as a senior. Earned Southwest Ohio Player of the Year honors.

Jeff Runnells LB 6'3" 210 San Dimas, CA
Earned honorable mention JC All-America honors as a sophomore at Pasadena (CA) CC.

Raishaun Stover RB 5'10" 190 Cleveland, OH
Rushed for 2,300 yards and 36 TDs as a senior. Finished third in the Mr. Ohio Football voting in 2001.

Dexter Wallace DL 6'3" 285 Williston, FL
Recorded 67 tackles and nine sacks during the 2001 season.

Brad Williams DL 6'3" 215 Middletown, OH
Recorded 156 tackles and earned All-Southwest Ohio honors as a senior.

Jesus Yanez OL 6'3" 320 Los Angeles, CA
Earned honorable mention JC All-America honors as a sophomore at Pasadena (CA) CC.

MAC East Prediction: 7th
National Forecast: #111

For Buffalo, it has been about progress. Entering its fourth season since rejoining Division 1-A in 1999, the Bulls have seen their win total climb from zero to two to three in the first three years with the big boys.

Now, the team is trying to take the next step. "Clearly the next step in the evolution in this program is a winning season," said second-year coach Jim Hofher.

In order for that to become a reality, the Bulls will have to get production out of a green quarterback, find six new starters among its front seven on defense and survive a schedule that Hofher says is the toughest of the four Buffalo has faced as a Division I-A member.

quarterbacks

Randall Secky entered spring practice as the only quarterback with experience on the roster, and he exited spring practice as the No. 1 signal caller. Despite off-season elbow surgery, Secky held off all competitors in the spring and will be counted on to fill the shoes of departed three-year starter Joe Freedy. "He is certainly a work in progress," Hofher says of the sophomore who played in four games in 2001. "But mentally he's been very sharp and physically he's been good."

running backs

Buffalo's running game emerged in the second half of the 2001 season, and junior Marquis Dwarte will look to continue that momentum into 2002 and lead the team in rushing for the third consecutive season. Dwarte is one of the stronger players on the squad despite checking in at 5'6" and 170 pounds.

receivers

Buffalo features some talent and experience in the pass-catching department. Andre Forde is healthy after breaking his collarbone in the Kent State game late last year. Forde had been the team's leading receiver to that point with 23 catches. Joining Forde is speedster Maurice Bradford, who averaged a team-high 14.2 yards per reception. Also expected to be in the mix of Hofher's spread offense is Matt Knueven, converted quarterback Adam Johnson and Dan Lindsay.

At tight end, Chad Bartoszek will try to repeat last year's All-MAC performance (42 catches, 441 yards).

2 Buffalo allowed just two passing yards in a 44–0 victory over Ohio last year. It was the Bulls' first shutout since returning to Division I-A in 1999.

offensive linemen

Buffalo certainly took its lumps with an inexperienced line last season, but the unit matured as the season progressed and there is hope that experience will pay off this year. Center Eric Weber will return to anchor the line, and the right side of guard Eric Zeppuhar and Jeff Mills also returns from last year. On the left side, tackle Matt Baniewicz returns to the program after taking a leave of absence. He started 10 games in 2000. He will replace Andy Avery, who was forced to give up football due to injury. At left guard, Dan Minocchi and Ted Howard will battle in fall camp for the final slot.

defensive linemen

There will be four new faces along the defensive front for the Bulls, yet Hofher says, "surprisingly, we feel good about where we are."

Junior college transfer Rashad Clark turned in a strong spring and will team with Rob Schroeder on the interior of the line. Marcus Clarett will move to the outside and start with Anthony Andriano.

linebackers

Buffalo is thin at linebacker, with only middle linebacker Lamar Wilcher returning with significant starting experience. Deonne McClelland was moved from his safety slot in the spring and impressed the coaching staff with his nose for the ball and his quickness. He will start at weak-side linebacker, while the strong-side backer probably will not be determined until fall camp.

defensive backs

The strength of the Buffalo defense is along the back line, where three starters return to a unit that was second in the MAC in pass defense. J.J. Gibson led the Bulls with 108 tackles from his strong safety slot, and he will be joined at free safety by converted cornerback Mark Graham. Mike Lambert will return at one cornerback position, while former wide receiver Dahnel Singfield should start opposite Lambert after sitting out 2001 due to academic difficulties.

specialists

The kicking game is in solid hands with returnees Scott McMahan at punter and Dallas Pelz at kicker. McMahan averaged 38.9 yards per punt, while Pelz nailed nine straight field goals at one point in 2001, his first season as a starter.



Buffalo SID

Chad Bartoszek

2002 Buffalo Roster

2001 Record: 3–8 **MAC Record:** 1–7 **Head Coach** Jim Hofher

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
35	Alabi, David	RB	5'9"	205	So.	Powell, OH
75	Alvarez, Alex	OL	6'4"	290	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA
56	Andriano, Anthony	DE	6'3"	237	So.	Howard Beach, NY
52	Austrum, Demetrius	LB	6'2"	223	Jr.	Coral Springs, FL
	Baines, Angel	WR	6'1"	205	Fr.	Syracuse, NY
18	Baker, Michael	P/K	5'10"	185	Fr.	Jamestown, NY
58	Baniewicz, Matt	OL	6'1"	260	Jr.	Fairport, NY
88	Bartoszek, Chad	TE	6'6"	250	Sr.	Salamanca, NY
	Beck, Doug	LB	5'11"	215	Fr.	Brighton, NY
53	Berry, Kirk	DE	6'2"	227	Fr.	Norristown, PA
20	Bradford, Maurice	WR	5'10"	172	Sr.	Binghamton, NY
27	Brereton, Marvin	TE	6'3"	236	Sr.	Missisaugua, ON
33	Buttles, Ryan	LB	6'1"	218	Sr.	Pike, NY
47	Campanella, Mark	DE	6'3"	250	Jr.	Buffalo, NY
50	Clarett, Marcus	DL	6'1"	280	Jr.	Youngstown, OH
	Clark, Rashad	DE	6'4"	240	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA
1	Coley, Jason	LB	6'1"	210	Sr.	Rochester, NY
23	Concepcion, Kevin	DB	5'11"	180	Fr.	Rochester, NY
3	Dance, Tim	WR	5'11"	185	Fr.	Erie, PA
42	Dawson, Dave	RD	5'8"	180	Fr.	Camp Hill, PA
48	Dawson, Terrance	DL	6'3"	275	Jr.	Warren, OH
	Diehl, Tom	FB	5'11"	225	Fr.	Kenmore, NY
64	Dunn, Kevin	OL	6'2"	264	Jr.	Mission Viejo, CA
28	Dwarte, Marquis	RB	5'6"	170	Jr.	Baltimore, MD
	Eaton, Jonathan	DL	5'11"	240	Fr.	Brooklyn, NY
81	Forde, Andre	WR	5'11"	208	Sr.	Penfield, NY
	Gane, Geoff	RB	5'10"	190	So.	N. Tonawanda, NY
29	Gibson, J.J.	DB	5'9"	178	So.	Buffalo, NY
2	Graham, Mark	DB	6'1"	190	Jr.	Monroe, MI
37	Guerra, Jamie	DE	6'3"	235	Sr.	Belle Vernon, PA
	Hall, Rhys	CB	6'0"	170	Fr.	Buffalo, NY
93	Harris, Obadiah	DE	6'1"	230	Jr.	Chillicothe, OH
12	Hicks, Darren	DB	5'8"	164	So.	Worthington, OH
69	Howard, Ted	OL	6'4"	275	Fr.	River Rouge, MI
98	Jacques, Philip	DE	6'2"	234	Fr.	Farmington Hills, MI
14	Johnson, Adam	WR	6'5"	210	Sr.	Alta Loma, CA
94	Johnson, Craig	DL	6'1"	290	So.	Vestal, NY
85	Knueven, Matt	WR	6'1"	200	So.	Cincinnati, OH
35	Lambert, Mike	DB	5'10"	185	Sr.	Syracuse, NY
34	Leeper, Aaron	RB	5'10"	184	Fr.	Jamestown, NY
82	Lindsay, Dan	WR	5'10"	190	Sr.	Henrietta, NY
74	Love, Zachary	OL	6'4"	285	Fr.	Wallingford, PA
19	McClelland, Deonne	LB	6'1"	210	Sr.	Mesa, AZ
83	McClover, Gabriel	WR	6'2"	210	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
26	McDonald, Bam	WR	5'9"	182	Jr.	Rochester, NY
11	McMahan, Scott	P	5'9"	175	Sr.	Huntington Bch., CA
92	Meholif, Bill	DT	6'2"	250	Fr.	Parma, OH
95	Miles, Terrance	DL	6'6"	265	Fr.	Buffalo, NY
63	Mills, Jeff	OL	6'5"	288	Jr.	Wilkes-Barre, PA
	Ming, Marlon	CB	5'9"	190	Jr.	Staten Island, NY
72	Minocchi, Dan	OL	6'2"	270	So.	Canton, OH
39	Montanez, Jason	FB	5'11"	224	Sr.	Spring Valley, NY
44	Morris, Rodney	LB	5'11"	220	So.	Pahokee, FL
61	Nguti, Michael	DL	6'1"	296	So.	Brighton, NY
77	Paris, William	OL	6'2"	320	So.	Southfield, MI
5	Pelz, Dallas	P/K	6'0"	185	Jr.	Holland, NY
	Pena, Ramon	CB	5'11"	165	Fr.	Manhattan, NY
45	Pirowski, Hank	LB	5'10"	210	So.	Lackawanna, NY
13	Piskorik, P.J.	QB	6'0"	205	Fr.	Swoyersville, PA
5	Powell, Jeff	QB	6'3"	215	Fr.	Wyandotte, MI
70	Russell, Casey	DL	6'0"	254	So.	Lafayette, NY
49	Sanders, Aaron	LB	6'1"	220	Fr.	Clarence, NY
46	Sanders, Richard	LB	5'11"	250	Fr.	Miami, FL
59	Schifano, Michael	OL	6'5"	270	Fr.	Webster, NY
80	Schroeder, Rob	DL	6'4"	250	Fr.	East Rochester, NY
87	Scott, Kyle	TE	6'1"	199	Fr.	Salamanca, NY
7	Secky, Randall	QB	6'4"	215	So.	Bemus Point, NY
40	Shaughnessy, Tom	FB	6'1"	236	Jr.	LeRoy, NY
9	Singfield, Dahnel	DB	6'0"	182	Sr.	Baltimore, MD
89	Smalarz, Jason	TE	6'4"	244	Jr.	Fraser, MI
43	Soltis, Ken	LB	6'0"	250	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
54	Taglienti, Perry	LB	6'1"	215	Fr.	Lancaster, NY
65	Weber, Eric	OL	6'5"	301	So.	Canandaigua, NY
4	Wilcher, Lamar	LB	6'2"	230	Jr.	Ossining, NY
41	Williams, Gemara	DB	5'8"	170	Fr.	Oak Park, MI
	Woodruffe, Steiner	CB	6'2"	180	Fr.	Brooklyn, NY
79	Zeppuhar, Erik	OL	6'4"	270	So.	Allison Park, PA

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	**81**	**Andre Forde (Sr.)**	85	Matt Knueven (So.)
FL	**20**	**Maurice Bradford (Sr.)**	82	Dan Lindsay (Sr.)
LT	58	Matt Baniewicz (Jr.)	75	Alex Alvarez (Jr.)
LG	72	Dan Minocchi (So.)	69	Ted Howard (Fr.)
C	**65**	**Eric Weber (So.)**	64	Kevin Dunn (Jr.)
RG	**79**	**Erik Zeppuhar (So.)**	77	William Paris (So.)
RT	**63**	**Jeff Mills (Jr.)**	74	Zachary Love (Fr.)
TE	**88**	**Chad Bartoszek (Sr.)**	27	Marvin Brereton (Sr.)
QB	7	Randall Secky (So.)	13	P.J. Piskorik (Fr.)
FB	**40**	**Tom Shaughnessy (Jr.)**	39	Jason Montanez (Sr.)
TB	28	Marquis Dwarte (Jr.)	34	Aaron Leeper (Fr.)

Defense (4)

DE	50	Marcus Clarett (Jr.)	53	Kirk Berry (Fr.)
NG	80	Rob Schroeder (Fr.)	94	Craig Johnson (So.)
DT		Rashad Clark (Jr.)	48	Terrance Dawson (Jr.)
DE	56	Anthony Andriano (So.)	93	Obadiah Harris (Jr.)
MLB	**4**	**Lamar Wilcher (Jr.)**	43	Ken Soltis (Fr.)
WLB	19	Deonne McClelland (Sr.)	1	Jason Coley (Sr.)
SLB		Chris Clifton (Jr.)	33	Ryan Buttles (Sr.)
CB	**35**	**Mike Lambert (Sr.)**	23	Kevin Concepcion (Fr.)
CB	9	Dahnel Singfield (Sr.)	12	Darren Hicks (So.)
SS	**29**	**J.J. Gibson (So.)**		Steiner Woodruffe (Fr.)
FS	**2**	**Mark Graham (Jr.)**		Steiner Woodruffe (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	5	Dallas Pelz (Jr.)
P	11	Scott McMahan (Sr.)
KR	81	Andre Forde (Sr.)
PR	81	Andre Forde (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Randall Secky, 15-35-153-0, 0 TDs
Rushing: Marquis Dwarte, 141 car., 546 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Chad Bartoszek, 42 rec., 441 yds., 4 TDs
Scoring: Dallas Pelz, 12 FGs, 19 XPs, 55 points
Punting: Scott McMahan, 68 punts, 38.9 avg.
Kicking: Dallas Pelz, 12-18 FGs, 19-21 XPs, 55 points
Tackles: J.J. Gibson, 108, 65 solo
Tackles for loss: Lamar Wilcher, 10 for 14 yds.
Sacks: Jamie Guerra, 1.5
Interceptions: Mike Lambert, 3 for 7 yds.
Kickoff returns: Andre Forde, 15 ret., 19.5 avg.
Punt returns: Andre Forde, 13 ret., 10.4 avg.

2001 Results

A. 30	Rutgers	L	15–31
S. 8	at Bowling Green	L	0–35
S. 22	at Connecticut	W	37–20
S. 29	Central Michigan	L	8–16
O. 6	at Miami (OH)	L	14–31
O. 13	Marshall	L	14–34
O. 20	at Kent State	L	13–35
O. 27	at Eastern Michigan	L	20–24
N. 3	Ohio	W	44– 0
N. 10	at Army	W	26–19
N. 17	Akron	L	14–41

2002 Signees

Wilshawn Adkins WR 6'4" 200 Fort Lauderdale, FL
Averaged almost 20 yard per catch as a senior.

Doug Anderwkavich DL 6'6" 265 Queens, NY
Recorded four sacks as a DL and caught 16 passes for 250 yards as a TE as a senior. Earned All-New York City honors by the *New York Daily News*.

Delando Bradford DB 5'10"177 Franklin, MI
Played CB, S, WR, and returned kicks during prep career. A first-team all-area pick as a senior.

Rashad Clark DE 6'4" 240 Los Angeles, CA
Played two years at West Los Angeles CC. Earned honorable mention all-state honors as a prep senior.

Chris Clifton LB 6'3" 237 Amherst, NY
Originally attended Rutgers. Played at Erie (NY) CC in 2001. A first-team All-Western NY selection as a prep senior.

Bryan Cummings LB 6'3" 215 Cincinnati, OH
Recorded 140 tackles and rushed for 1,160 yards as a senior. Earned All-Cincinnati honors in 2001.

Joe DiGiorgio ATH 6'1" 205 Macomb Township, MI
Named to the *Detroit Free Press* Dream Team. Passed for 2,186 yards and rushed for 930 as a senior.

Ramon Guzman FB/LB 6'2" 218 Bronx, NY
Rushed for 1,076 yards as a RB while recording 125 tackles as a LB during senior season. An All-New York City pick by the *New York Daily News* in 2001.

Antonio Jones DB 6'1" 200 Erie, PA
Earned All-Allegheny County honors as a senior.

Steven King RB 6'0" 190 Hempstead, NY
A two-time all-county and all-conference selection. Rushed for 1,188 yards on 130 carries as a senior.

Chris McDuffie RB 5'10"180 Amherst, NY
Rated the No. 47 all-purpose RB in the country by *Rivals100.com*. Set school records with 1,512 rushing yards in a season and 4,663 in his career.

Kevin Moodt OL 6'6" 260 Bellport, NY
Earned all-state and All-Long Island honors by *New York Newsday* as a senior.

Jared Patterson RB 6'2" 205 Belvidere, NJ
Rushed for 1,829 yards and 26 TDs as a senior. A first-team All-West New Jersey selection in 2001.

Michael Radon QB 6'1" 175 Buffalo, NY
Holds school records for career passing yards (4,390), completions (307) and TDs (50).

Stewart Sampsel QB 6'3" 180 Howard, PA
Threw for 1,836 yards and 18 TDs as a senior. Set a single-season school record with 13 INTs as a DB.

Tim Schmidt OL 6'6" 270 Apalachin, NY
A second-team all-state selection as a senior.

Ryan Sherwood-Ericsson ATH 6'1" 200 Erie, PA
Rushed for 1,050 yards as a senior. Earned all-conference and all-metro honors.

Brandon Smith DB 5'10"175 Miami, FL
Earned All-Dade County honors as a senior.

Chad Upshaw TE 6'4" 238 Southport, CT
Caught 25 passes for 490 yards as a senior. Named to the *Connecticut Post* All-Area squad in 2001.

James Vann DB 6'2" 180 Downingtown, PA
A second-team *Philadelphia Daily News* All-Suburban honoree as a senior.

Leonard Washington DL 6'2" 230 Copley, OH
An all-state and All-Northeast Ohio pick as a senior. Recorded 12 sacks during the 2001 season.

Brian Watson WR 6'5" 210 Elizabeth, NJ
Caught 28 passes for 616 yards and five TDs in 2001.

Gerry Weissinger OL 6'5" 290 Webster, NY
A two-way starter who helped Webster HS win the 2001 Class AA NY State Championship.

Kevin Wiggins OL 6'2" 290 Newark, DE
Named Delaware Lineman of the Year after leading Newark HS to back-to-back state championships.

GOLDEN FLASHES

MAC East Prediction: 4th
National Forecast: #94

Is this a team on the rise, or a program still in a rut? Perhaps no team in the league will be watched as closely as this one early in the season to find out the answer. Last year Kent State produced a winning (6–5) season for the first time since 1987. There is still much work to be done here, especially considering Kent had the fourth-worst scoring offense in the league at 22.5 points per game.

quarterbacks

Joshua Cribbs combined the running skills of an option quarterback (1,019 rushing) with enough passing ability (1,516 yards, 10 TDs, five interceptions) to become the first freshman in Division I-A history to rush and pass for over 1,000 yards in a season. Cribbs proved to be very durable last season, and made it clear he would drop his shoulder to meet any tackler in his way. And that is good news for Kent State; there is no experienced backup on the roster.

running backs

The Golden Flashes have gone five years without a 1,000-yard tailback, and likely won't have one this season.

David Alston (633 yards in 2001), Antonio King and Eddie Beccles aren't the type of backs to carry the ball 25-30 times per game, but all three are capable of scoring from anywhere on the field. Alston is the incumbent, although his penchant for fumbling must be dealt with. King, at 6'0", 205 pounds, was tried at several positions before locking in at running back. He is both fast and durable and had a stunning spring campaign. Beccles is the smallest of the three but the most elusive.

receivers

This is the most uncertain skill position of all for the Golden Flashes. The tight ends are average at best with Brycen Erbe and Neil Buckosh used more for blocking. Ditto at receiver where blocking is a premium on the flanks to open lanes for the elusive Cribbs.

KSU is planning on 6'4", 240-pound Antonio Gates shedding his basketball garb for tight ends pads this fall. But only believe it when you see it. A strong NCAA Tournament showing may keep Gates' eyes strictly on hoops. The most experienced receiver on hand is Joshua Bostick (21 catches, 214 yards). Cribbs' favorite target will likely be sophomore Darrell Dowery, who played with Cribbs in high school. The x-factor could be Reggie Gordon, a speedster who needs some consistency and tenacity to move up on the depth chart.



Kent State SID

Joshua Cribbs

offensive linemen

Don't expect a bunch of 300-pounders here. Center Steve Smith is generously listed at 265 pounds. Only one projected starter is listed at 300 or more pounds, and there are just two hogs on the 10-man two-deep from tackle to tackle. Time will tell if they can get tough yardage in the red zone, or in short-yardage situations.

6 Kent State's six wins in 2001 equaled the program's win total over the previous four seasons.

defensive linemen

In spring drills, this looked to be one of Kent State's strong suits. But that could be a mirage. While Shawn Armstead, Roy Attieh and John Nurczyk have loads of experience, none has ever been considered among the MAC elite. And remember, what looked good in the spring against relatively undersized, unproven KSU offensive linemen may not look the same against the likes of Ohio State and Marshall.

linebackers

Talent-wise, the linebacking corps is perhaps the deepest position on the team. But some new faces in the starting lineup must be settled on. Anthony Henriquez (101 tackles) is solid on the outside, as is steady middle linebacker Josh Chilcote. But it's still unclear if senior Pierre Wilson (6'3", 275-pounds) will spend more time at linebacker or defensive end.

defensive backs

Last season this position was hands down the weakest spot on the team going into the season. But the secondary quickly stabilized to the point where it is two-deep at every position. Cornerback Nashville Dyer, the leader of the defensive backfield, had four interceptions last year. Free safety Shannon Davis emerged as a big-play defender as a true freshman when he recorded 97 tackles, intercepted two passes and returned a fumble 95 yards for a touchdown to seal a win over Ohio.

specialists

Placekicker Travis Mayle still has to prove it in the game, but during spring scrimmages he was accurate from all distances. Punting chores are solid in the hands of Jared Fritz (37.9 avg.), but Kent will be searching for a punt returner this fall.

2002 Kent State Roster

2001 Record: 6–5 | **MAC Record:** 5–3 | **Head Coach** Dean Pees

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
20	Acie, Jarius	WR	5'11"	180	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA
7	Alston, David	RB	5'10"	190	Jr.	Willingboro, NJ
72	Andrews, Jason	OL	6'5"	280	So.	Lexington, KY
2	Armstead, Shawn	DL	6'4"	225	Sr.	Gloucester, VA
21	Ashley, Andre	DB	5'9"	190	So.	Columbus, OH
24	Atkinson, Jerrid	FB	5'10"	220	Jr.	Richmond Hts., OH
50	Attieh, Roger	OL	5'11"	280	Fr.	Boonton, NJ
51	Attieh, Roy	DL	6'1"	310	Sr.	Boonton, NJ
25	Avery, Jacon	DB	5'11"	170	Sr.	Browns Mills, NJ
63	Bandiera, Chad	OL	6'3"	270	So.	Lyndhurst, OH
18	Baugham, Justin	DB	5'10"	190	Sr.	Greensboro, NC
22	Beccles, Eddie	RB	5'8"	175	So.	Sandy Spring, MD
89	Bigrigg, Nick	TE	6'2"	215	Fr.	Amherst, OH
23	Booker, Scott	DB	6'1"	205	Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA
1	Bostick, Joshua	WR	6'2"	200	Sr.	West Mifflin, PA
94	Bowen, Lucas	FB	5'10"	225	So.	Rockford, OH
85	Bowers, David	WR	5'9"	160	Fr.	Stow, OH
74	Bowling, Deron	OL	6'3"	280	Sr.	Hamilton, OH
95	Brazen, Joshua	P	6'0"	195	Fr.	Ada, OH
84	Buckosh, Neil	TE	6'3"	235	Jr.	Massillon, OH
78	Carter, Daniel	OL	6'3"	310	Fr.	Silver Spring, MD
42	Chilcote, Josh	LB	6'2"	235	Jr.	Columbus, OH
6	Coley, Ray	WR	5'11"	195	Jr.	Riviera Beach, FL
9	Cribbs, Joshua	QB	6'1"	190	So.	Upper Marlboro, MD
96	Crock, Tom	DL	6'3"	275	Jr.	Rootstown, OH
20	Davis, Shannon	DB	6'0"	190	So.	Sumter, SC
33	Dean, Eugene	DB	5'8"	170	Sr.	Louisville, KY
76	Dorsten, Nicholas	OL	6'6"	255	Fr.	Celina, OH
81	Dowery Jr., Darrell	WR	6'0"	165	So.	Washington, DC
73	Dunlap, Matt	OL	6'3"	270	So.	Eastlake, OH
11	Dyer, Nashville	DB	5'10"	175	Sr.	Riviera Beach, FL
86	Erbe, Brycen	TE	6'3"	265	Sr.	Severna Park, MD
69	Evans, Daryl	DL	6'2"	255	Jr.	Palmyra, OH
13	Frederick, Adam	LB	6'2"	220	Jr.	Gibsonia, PA
97	Fritz, Jared	P/K	6'2"	195	Sr.	Bloomington, IN
45	Gatten, Justin	LB	6'2"	220	Sr.	Washington, PA
82	Gordon, Reggie	WR	5'11"	180	So.	Chesapeake, VA
30	Griffis, Michael	DB	6'0"	180	Sr.	Chagrin Falls, OH
38	Harmon, Matt	WR	6'2"	205	Jr.	Wilmington, DE
1	Henriquez, Anthony	LB	5'11"	225	Jr.	Jersey City, NJ
66	Hodgkinson, Jerami	LS	5'7"	225	Jr.	Centerburg, OH
10	James, Robert	DB	6'3"	210	Sr.	Newcomerstown, OH
70	Jamieson, Kevin	OL	6'3"	305	Sr.	Niles, OH
53	Jensen, Jeff	LB	6'3"	240	Jr.	Gahanna, OH
87	Kemp, Ray	WR	5'9"	170	Sr.	Springfield, OH
27	King, Antonio	RB	6'0"	205	So.	Burlington, NC
5	Lundy, Najee	DB	6'0"	205	So.	Willingboro, NJ
47	Magee, Gary	DB	5'10"	185	So.	Reynoldsburg, OH
59	Mahl, Eric	LB	6'1"	235	So.	Monroeville, OH
10	Marsteller, Brent	QB	6'1"	200	So.	Washington, PA
56	Mathews, John	LB	6'2"	245	Fr.	Grove City, OH
98	Mayle, Travis	K	6'0"	185	Fr.	Ravenna, OH
49	McElroy, Tyrell	DB	5'11"	180	Fr.	Massillon, OH
68	McKenzie, Luke	OL	6'6"	285	Fr.	Newark, OH
88	Medley, Maurio	WR	6'6"	205	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA
26	Moore, Daryl	WR	5'11"	180	Jr.	Solon, OH
36	Newton, Charles	FB	6'0"	245	So.	Cincinnati, OH
91	Nurczyk, John	DL	6'4"	245	Sr.	Channohon, IL
43	Parnell, Renzy	LB	6'0"	260	Jr.	Akron, OH
37	Patrick, Vashawn	DB	5'11"	210	So.	Aliquippa, PA
6	Phipps, Matt	WR	6'2"	210	So.	Tallmadge, OH
14	Polk, Darryl	QB	6'0"	205	So.	Deerfield, FL
19	Quinn, Ray	TE	6'3"	220	Sr.	Willingboro, NJ
62	Reikowski, Joel	OL	6'5"	270	Sr.	New Berlin, WI
54	Richardson, Brandon	LB	6'4"	245	Jr.	Hamilton, OH
31	Roberts, Keith	DB	6'0"	190	So.	Bellefontaine, OH
80	Robinson, DeMarkus	WR	5'10"	180	Fr.	Orrville, OH
32	Robinson, Marcus	LB	6'1"	240	Fr.	Westlake, OH
90	Rodriguez, Tomas	TE	6'3"	235	Fr.	Orange, OH
83	Rudzinski, Lance	WR	6'4"	220	Jr.	Centerville, OH
34	Ruggiero, James	FB	6'1"	235	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA
61	Sarrett, Shaun	OL	6'6"	280	Jr.	Beckley, WV
15	Sims, Charles	DB	5'10"	210	Fr.	Toledo, OH
52	Smith, Steve	OL	6'4"	265	Jr.	Canton, OH
29	Stolowski, Damian	LB	6'2"	230	So.	Eastlake, OH
9	Turner, Desmond	DB	5'11"	190	So.	Riviera Beach, FL
75	VerHoeve, Josh	OL	6'4"	275	Jr.	Chula Vista, CA
41	Wesley, Nate	DL	6'3"	280	So.	Fayetteville, GA
57	Weiss, Bryan	LB	5'10"	225	Sr.	Suffern, NY
67	Williams, Alan	DL	6'2"	260	Jr.	W. Palm Beach, FL
48	Wilson, Pierre	DL	6'3"	275	Sr.	Riviera Beach, FL

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

FL	1	Joshua Bostick (Sr.)	80	DeMarkus Robinson (Fr.)
SE	81	Darrell Dowery Jr. (So.)	26	Daryl Moore (Jr.)
LT	63	Chad Bandiera (So.)	72	Jason Andrews (So.)
LG	61	Shaun Sarrett (Jr.)	78	Daniel Carter (Fr.)
C	**52**	**Steve Smith (Jr.)**	72	Jason Andrews (So.)
RG	**70**	**Kevin Jamieson (Sr.)**	75	Joshua VerHoeve (Jr.)
RT	**62**	**Joel Reikowski (Sr.)**	72	Jason Andrews (So.)
TE	86	Brycen Erbe (Sr.)	**84**	**Neil Buckosh (Jr.)**
QB	**9**	**Joshua Cribbs (So.)**	14	Darryl Polk (So.)
FB	36	Charles Newton (So.)	34	James Ruggiero (Jr.)
TB	**7**	**David Alston (Jr.)**	27	Antonio King (So.)

Defense (8)

DE	**2**	**Shawn Armstead (Sr.)**	41	Nate Wesley (So.)
DT	**51**	**Roy Attieh (Sr.)**	96	Tom Crock (Jr.)
DT	67	Alan Williams (Jr.)	69	Daryl Evans (Jr.)
DE	**48**	**Pierre Wilson (Sr.)**	91	John Nurczyk (Sr.)
OLB	**1**	**Anthony Henriquez (Jr.)**	57	Bryan Weiss (Sr.)
ILB	42	Josh Chilcote (Jr.)	53	Jeff Jensen (Jr.)
OLB	45	Justin Gatten (Sr.)	59	Eric Mahl (So.)
CB	**18**	**Justin Baugham (Sr.)**	21	Andre Ashley (So.)
CB	**11**	**Nashville Dyer (Sr.)**	47	Gary Magee (So.)
FS	**20**	**Shannon Davis (So.)**	23	Scott Booker (Sr.)
SS	**25**	**Jacon Avery (Sr.)**	31	Keith Roberts (So.)

Special Teams

K	98	Travis Mayle (Fr.)
P	97	Jared Fritz (Sr.)
KR	27	Antonio King (So.)
PR	27	Antonio King (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Joshua Cribbs, 131-238-1,516-5, 10 TDs
Rushing: Joshua Cribbs, 164 car., 1,019 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving: Joshua Bostick, 21 rec., 214 yds., 1 TD
Scoring: David Alston, 7 TDs, 42 points
Punting: Jared Fritz, 52 punts, 37.9 avg.
Kicking: none
Tackles: Anthony Henriquez, 101, 59 solo
Tackles for loss: Delvin Barker, 7 for 19 yds.
Sacks: Delvin Barker, 4
Interceptions: Nashville Dyer, 4 for 0 yds.
Kickoff returns: Antonio King, 13 ret., 19.8 avg.
Punt returns: none

2002 Results

S. 1	at Iowa	L	0–51
S. 8	Bucknell	W	38–17
S. 22	at West Virginia	L	14–34
S. 29	at Akron	L	10–14
O. 6	at Bowling Green	L	7–24
O. 13	Northern Illinois	W	44–34
O. 20	Buffalo	W	35–13
O. 27	at Ohio	W	24–14
N. 3	Marshall	L	21–42
N. 10	at Ball State	W	31–18
N. 24	Miami (OH)	W	24–20

2002 Signees

Jim Alexander DE 6'5" 230 Pittsburgh, PA
Named to the Big 7 All-Conference squad as a senior. Recorded 77 tackles and four sacks in 2001.

Mohammed Bah RB 5'9" 170 Silver Spring, MD
Signed with Kent State in 2001 but did not attend the university. Rushed for 1,256 yards as a senior in 2000. A two-time all-conference selection.

Brian Bell WR 6'3" 200 Kettering, MD
Earned honorable mention All-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference honors as a senior.

Elijah Brooks RB 5'10" 190 Largo, MD
Rushed for 1,529 yards and 27 TDs as a senior. Named first-team All-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference as a junior and senior.

Larry Brown DT 6'1" 285 Washington, DC
Recorded 105 tackles and 19 sacks as a senior. Led Dunbar HS to a perfect 40–0 conference record during prep career.

Derrick Bush ATH 6'1" 195 Colquitt, GA
Earned all-conference and all-region honors as a junior before playing last season at Hargrave (VA) Academy.

Barry Drakeford DB 5'10" 180 Virginia Beach, VA
Awarded all-state honors in 2001. Picked off eight passes as a senior.

Brian Gilbert OL 6'3" 270 Mt. Morris, MI
Earned all-state accolades at OL and DL as a senior at Imlay City (MI) HS. Played last season at Hargrave (VA) Academy.

Frank Isenberg OL 6'3" 280 West Mifflin, PA
Named first-team All-Big Seven Conference as a senior.

Philip Johnson RB 6'0" 180 Columbus, OH
Rushed for 808 yards on 70 carries (11.5 yards per carry) as a senior. Earned all-city honors.

Nathaniel Manning OL 6'4" 290 Newport News, VA
A first-team all-district and second-team all-area selection as a senior. Blocked for Virginia Tech QB recruit Marcus Vick at Warwick HS.

Daniel Muir DL 6'3" 250 Lanham, MD
A two-time all-county honoree. Registered 96 tackles and 13.5 sacks as a senior.

Austin Novak TE 6'3" 235 Pittsburgh, PA
Received second-team all-conference honors as a senior. Holds school records with 10 FGs and 150 XPs.

Justin Parrish LB 6'2" 235 Landover Hills, MD
A three-time all-league and all-county selection.

Craig Rafdal OL 6'4" 295 Beavercreek, OH
A two-time All-Greater Western Ohio Conference lineman.

Bruce Rice LB 6'2" 230 Columbus, OH
Recorded 65 tackles and five sacks as a senior. Awarded all-city and all-district honors in 2001.

Jon Sessler LB 6'3" 245 Castalia, OH
Recorded 102 tackles and seven sacks. Led the Sun-dusky Bay Conference with 1,253 yards rushing as a senior.

Antwan Smith QB 6'3" 190 Laurel, MD
Threw for 1,200 yards and 15 TDs as a senior. A four-time all-county selection.

Joshua VerHoeve OL 6'4" 275 Chula Vista, CA
Played two seasons and was team captain at Southwestern (CA) CC.

Brandon Wells DB 5'9" 170 Mitchellville, MD
Earned first-team all-state honors after catching 25 passes for 506 yards and rushing for 500 yards as a senior.

THE HERD

MAC East Prediction: 1st
National Forecast: #23

Marshall will field potentially its finest football team ever this season. Before you relate that to being the best ballerina in Beloit, consider that the Thundering Herd has won at least 10 games in five of the last six seasons, has won conference titles in five of the last six years, has gone to five consecutive bowls, and has produced two Heisman Trophy finalists — Randy Moss and Chad Pennington — since 1997.

Quarterback Byron Leftwich is looking to be Marshall's third Heisman finalist. Throwing to three receivers who caught more than 3,178 yards worth of passes a year ago, Leftwich figures to post numbers worthy of football's highest individual awards. "He's the best quarterback I've ever been around," says Marshall coach Bobby Pruett, who coached Danny Wuerffel at Florida and Pennington and former Cincinnati Bengal Eric Kresser at Marshall.

The big question this fall will be on defense: Can the Herd shore up a defensive front which finished last in the MAC against the run in 2001?

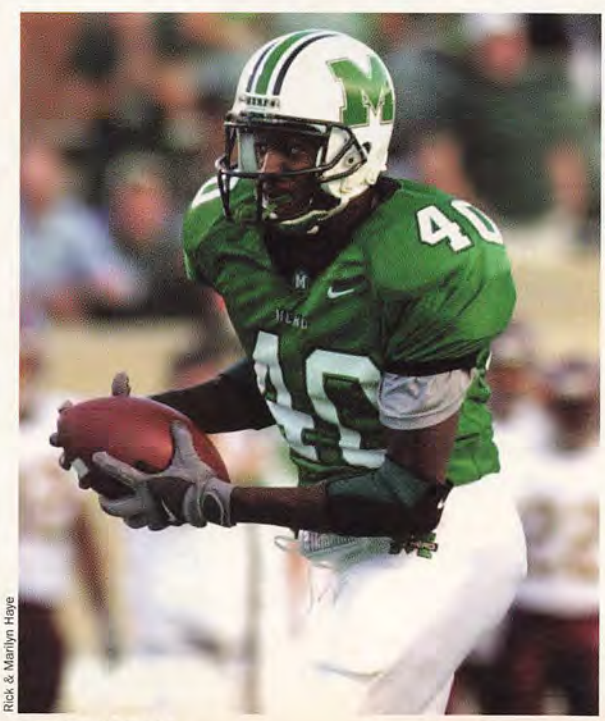
quarterbacks



Leftwich threw a ball 70 yards in the air during last year's GMAC Bowl practice and hit the rim of a garbage can coaches had placed there to show off his accuracy. His 38-to-7 touchdown-to-interception ratio and 67 percent completion rate further emphasize Leftwich's pinpoint control. He is fairly mobile and at 6'6", 240 pounds is difficult to bring down. "Byron's in a league of his own," Akron coach Lee Owens says. "He's fun to watch."

running backs

Franklin Wallace is the top back in Marshall's single-back set. He earned second-team All-MAC honors after rushing for 796 yards and nine touchdowns. Brandon Carey is the top reserve after gaining 289 yards on 73 carries last fall. Senior Chanston Rodgers, who has torn the ACL in both knees during his Marshall career, is attempting to return to action in 2002.



Rick & Marilyn Haye

Darius Watts

receivers



Junior Darius Watts (91 catches, 1,417 yards, 18 TDs) runs a 4.3 40-yard dash. Double-cover him and Josh Davis, who set an NCAA freshman record with 79 catches for 961 receiving yards a year ago, is left in single coverage, as is senior Denero Marriott (56 catches, 800 yards, 9 TDs).

Tight end Jason Rader, a West Virginia native who transferred from Georgia, will be eligible this fall and provides an upgrade at a deep position. He will fight for the No. 1 spot with senior Eddie Smolder.

88-5 The Thundering Herd has compiled an 88–5 record at home since Marshall Stadium opened in 1991.

offensive linemen

Four starters return, making this a cohesive unit particularly adept at pass blocking. Center Jeff Edwards missed most of spring practice with injuries but is expected back in the fall. Joey Stepp (three starts in '01) is a quality backup. Right guard Steve Perretta and left tackle Steve Sciullo are pro prospects. Nate McPeek has started 26 consecutive games. Left guard Luke Salmons is the only newcomer.

defensive linemen

Defensive tackle is the problem area. Senior Orlando Washington is athletic but light. Sophomore Josh Cordell has potential but is young. The backups are inexperienced. "We have some pups," defensive coordinator Bill Wilt says. "We have some talent, but they need playing time."

Ends Maurice McKinney and Jamus Martin are quick, but will be full-time starters for the first time.

linebackers

This group is athletic but inexperienced. Charles Tynes, who runs very well, is the only returning starter. Middle linebacker Duran Smith is strong against the run. Dionté Wilson is hard-hitting and athletic. Terence Tarpley was converted from cornerback to Whip, but at 185 pounds might not be able to handle the beating of a full season there.

defensive backs

Yancey Satterwhite (team-high three interceptions) and Roberto Terrell are speedy cover corners. Safety Chris Crocker, the Herd's top returning tackler (88 stops), is among the faster players in the Mid-American Conference and is adapting well to his leadership role.

specialists

Curtis Head is the MAC's top returning punter. He will also handle the placekicking duties again.

2002 Marshall Roster

2001 Record: 11–2 | **MAC Record** 8–0 | **Head Coach** Bob Pruett

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
55	Adkins, Kelly	LB	6'2"	222	So.	Beckley, WV
9	Alcantara, Oscar	WR	5'9"	170	Jr.	Brentwood, NY
3	Anderson, Moriah	DB	6'2"	187	So.	Ft. Washington, MD
43	Atkins, Kevin	LB	6'3"	236	So.	Richmond, VA
83	Bates, Brad	WR	5'11"	170	So.	Chillicothe, OH
72	Baynes, Ryan	OL	6'3"	305	Fr.	Augusta, GA
77	Blakey, Josh	DL	6'4"	306	Jr.	Lexington, KY
64	Bobrowski, Steven	OL	6'1"	276	Fr.	Cranford, NJ
84	Bousman, Austin	WR	6'1"	179	Fr.	Blue Ridge, VA
94	Brown, Toriano	DL	6'1"	270	Jr.	Batesville, MS
2	Browning, Joe David	QB	6'2"	212	So.	Gilbert, WV
8	Carey, Brandon	RB	5'10"	185	Sr.	Bridge City, LA
83	Carrington, William	DT	6'3"	252	Jr.	Keystone, WV
46	Clark, Kingsley	DE	6'5"	225	Jr.	Orlando, FL
1	Coke, Gladstone	OLB	5'11"	195	Jr.	Moore Haven, FL
84	Cordell, Josh	DT	6'5"	298	So.	Apple Grove, WV
19	Crocker, Chris	DB	5'11"	190	Sr.	Chesapeake, VA
82	Davis, Josh	WR	6'1"	195	So.	Hickory Grove, SC
86	Deifel, Joe	TE	6'4"	235	So.	Lexington, KY
68	Dennison, Cory	LS	6'1"	282	Sr.	Barboursville, WV
49	Diabo, Parker	DB	6'0"	187	So.	Paintsville, KY
88	Doss, Demetrius	WR	6'3"	215	Sr.	Virginia Beach, VA
58	Edwards, Jeff	OL	6'4"	278	Sr.	Kenova, WV
14	English, Andrew	QB	6'4"	224	So.	Prospect, KY
49	Erny, Sam	K	5'11"	206	Fr.	Louisville, KY
37	Freeman, Lorenzo	RB	5'11"	183	Jr.	Kingstree, SC
67	Gast, Doug	OL	6'6"	284	So.	Jacksonville, FL
81	Gibson, Chase	TE	6'4"	230	Fr.	Pikeville, KY
50	Goddard, Jonathan	DE	6'1"	250	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
37	Goodwin, Anthony	WR	5'11"	161	Fr.	Lynchburg, VA
60	Griffin, Nate	OL	6'7"	295	So.	Newport News, VA
89	Hairston, Marcus	DE	6'3"	231	Jr.	Mullens, WV
65	Hardy, Paul	OL	6'5"	300	Sr.	Chesapeake, VA
98	Hayes, Reggie	DL	6'4"	278	So.	Wilmington, NC
36	Head, Curtis	K/P	5'11"	179	Sr.	Shelbyville, KY
51	Hicks, Marlan	DL	6'4"	295	Jr.	Hampton, VA
4	Hill, Stan	QB	6'3"	210	So.	Tupelo, MS
10	Huggins, Marquis	WR	5'9"	184	So.	Myrtle Beach, SC
23	Isaacs, Robby	WR	6'2"	185	So.	Chesapeake, OH
80	Jones, Curtis	WR	6'2"	205	Sr.	Okeechobee, FL
16	Kelly, Nick	K	6'1"	210	So.	Chesapeake, VA
74	Krauss, Eric	OL	6'4"	277	Jr.	Bluefield, WV
7	Leftwich, Byron	QB	6'6"	240	Sr.	Washington, DC
93	Leslie, Nathan	DT	6'4"	268	Jr.	Emma, KY
18	Lewis, Ben	K	5'11"	198	Jr.	Alpharetta, GA
6	Manns, Nate	WR	6'4"	213	Fr.	Beckley, WV
13	Marriott, Denero	WR	6'1"	178	Sr.	Inwood, WV
87	Martin, Chris	WR	5'10"	189	Jr.	Nitro, WV
97	Martin, Jamus	DE	6'3"	235	So.	Martinsville, VA
91	McKinney, Maurice	DE	6'3"	235	Jr.	District Hghts., MD
53	McNeely, Ashley	LB	6'2"	201	Fr.	Mullens, WV
71	McPeek, Nate	OL	6'5"	321	Jr.	Russell, KY
47	Moore, Henry	LB	5'11"	220	Sr.	Williamson, WV
17	Morrison, Garrett	OLB	6'0"	200	So.	Lavalette, WV
85	Mullins, Jeff	TE	6'3"	252	Fr.	Gallipolis, OH
6	Nolan, Jed	DB	6'2"	200	Fr.	Athens, WV
17	Payne, Darnell	WR	6'2"	180	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
66	Perretta, Steve	OL	6'2"	298	Sr.	Garden City, NY
62	Phillips, Ricardo	OL	6'6"	290	So.	Chesapeake, VA
35	Poe, Ben	OLB	6'1"	195	Sr.	Huntington, WV
90	Rader, Jason	TE	6'4"	261	Jr.	St. Albans, WV
39	Ray, Chris	RB	6'0"	180	Sr.	Donaldsonville, GA
30	Rembert, J.T.	OLB	6'1"	216	So.	Columbia, MD
63	Robinson, Dwayne	OL	6'3"	316	So.	Bunker Hill, WV
11	Rodgers, Chanston	RB	5'10"	205	Sr.	Danville, VA
76	Rodgers, Richard	DL	6'3"	282	Sr.	Chesapeake, VA
78	Salmons, Luke	OL	6'3"	295	Jr.	Cottageville, WV
15	Satterwhite, Yancey	DB	5'10"	178	Sr.	Tupelo, MS
75	Sciullo, Steve	OL	6'6"	344	Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA
59	Sinclair, Paul	DE	6'4"	250	Sr.	Chesapeake, VA
48	Smith, Duran	LB	6'0"	225	Sr.	Soddy-Daisy, TN
27	Smith, Willie	DB	6'0"	190	So.	Palm Bch Gardens, FL
96	Smolder, Eddie	TE	6'3"	240	Sr.	Ripley, WV
70	Stepp, Joey	OL	6'2"	285	Jr.	Warfield, KY
90	Stewart, Nick	DE	6'4"	200	Fr.	Coal City, WV
21	Tarpley, Terence	OLB	5'10"	185	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
2	Terrell, Roberto	DB	5'9"	178	So.	Dunnellon, FL
38	Thomas, DaMarcus	LB	6'1"	228	Fr.	Lithonia, GA
9	Thornton, Dennis	DB	6'0"	200	Fr.	Spotsylvania, VA
54	Twardy, Chris	LB	6'1"	230	Fr.	S. Hampton, NJ
44	Tynes, Charles	OLB	6'1"	210	Jr.	Bluefield, WV
20	Tyson, Jimmy	DB	5'7"	160	So.	Conway, SC
24	Wallace, Franklin	RB	6'0"	190	Jr.	Myrtle Beach, SC
95	Washington, Orlando	DL	6'2"	265	Sr.	Accoville, WV
40	Watts, Darius	WR	6'2"	183	Jr.	College Park, GA
12	Wilks, Scott	DB	6'3"	187	Fr.	Maryville, TN
41	Williams, Dorian	DB	5'8"	158	So.	Tallulah, LA
42	Williams, Renaldo	DB	5'9"	178	So.	Jupiter, FL
25	Wilson, Dionté	LB	6'2"	220	So.	Largo, MD

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR	40	**Darius Watts (Jr.)**	83	Brad Bates (So.)
WR	82	**Josh Davis (So.)**	87	Chris Martin (Jr.)
WR	13	**Denero Marriott (Sr.)**	80	Curtis Jones (Sr.)
LT	75	**Steve Sciullo (Sr.)**	65	Paul Hardy (Sr.)
LG	78	Luke Salmons (Jr.)	72	Ryan Baynes (Fr.)
C	58	**Jeff Edwards (Sr.)**	70	Joey Stepp (Jr.)
RG	66	**Steve Perretta (Sr.)**	62	Ricardo Phillips (So.)
RT	71	**Nate McPeek (Jr.)**	60	Nate Griffin (So.)
TE	90	Jason Rader (Jr.)	96	Eddie Smolder (Sr.)
RB	24	**Franklin Wallace (Jr.)**	8	Brandon Carey (Sr.)
QB	7	**Byron Leftwich (Sr.)**	4	Stan Hill (So.)

Defense (6)

DE	91	Maurice McKinney (Jr.)	50	Jonathan Goddard (Jr.)
DT	95	**Orlando Washington (Sr.)**	98	Reggie Hayes (So.)
NT	84	Josh Cordell (So.)	51	**Marlan Hicks (Jr.)**
DE	97	Jamus Martin (So.)	46	Kingsley Clark (Jr.)
SLB	25	Dionté Wilson (So.)	47	Henry Moore (Sr.)
MLB	48	Duran Smith (Sr.)	43	Kevin Atkins (So.)
Whip	21	**Terence Tarpley (Sr.)**	1	Gladstone Coke (Jr.)
ROV	44	**Charles Tynes (Jr.)**	30	J.T. Rembert (So.)
CB	2	Roberto Terrell (So.)	27	Willie Smith (So.)
CB	15	**Yancey Satterwhite (Sr.)**	42	Renaldo Williams (So.)
FS	19	**Chris Crocker (Sr.)**	3	Moriah Anderson (So.)

Special Teams

K	36	Curtis Head (Sr.)
P	36	Curtis Head (Sr.)
KR	2	Roberto Terrell (So.)
PR	82	Josh Davis (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Byron Leftwich, 315-470-4,132-7, 38 TDs
Rushing: Franklin Wallace, 152 car., 796 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Darius Watts, 91 rec., 1,417 yds., 18 TDs
Scoring: Darius Watts, 18 TDs, 112 points
Punting: Curtis Head, 45 punts, 44.4 avg.
Kicking: Curtis Head, 9-10 FGs, 51-57 XPs, 78 pts.
Tackles: Chris Crocker, 88, 59 solo
Tackles for loss: Josh Cordell, 10 for 23 yds., Orlando Washington, 10 for 27 yds.
Sacks: Maurice McKinney, 4
Interceptions: Yancey Satterwhite, 3 for 0 yds.
Kickoff returns: Roberto Terrell, 13 ret., 23.8 avg.
Punt returns: Josh Davis, 20 ret., 6.6 avg.

2002 Results

S. 1	at Florida	L	14–49
S. 8	Massachusetts	W	49–20
S. 29	Bowling Green	W	37–31
O. 6	at Northern Illinois	W	37–15
O. 13	at Buffalo	W	34–14
O. 20	Central Michigan	W	42–21
O. 27	Akron	W	50–33
N. 3	at Kent State	W	42–21
N. 10	at Miami (OH)	W	27–21
N. 17	Ohio	W	42–18
N. 24	Youngstown State	W	38–24
N. 30	at Toledo*	L	36–41
D. 19	East Carolina#	W	64–61

*MAC Championship Game
#GMAC Bowl

2002 Signees

Jarrett Baisden — OL, 6'4", 280, Huntington, WV
A first-team all-state performer as a senior at Spring Valley High School.

Adam Black — QB, 6'6", 195, Knox, PA
Threw for 5,338 yards and 55 TDs in his prep career. Had 2,400 yards and 30 TDs as a senior.

Ivan Clark — ATH, 5'11", 180, Amelia, VA
Received Group AA All-State honors as a senior at Amelia County High School.

Randall Cook — OL, 6'5", 278, Gilbert, WV
Was a first-team all-state honoree as a senior. Rated among the Top 100 OGs in the country by *Rivals100.com*.

Graham Gochneaur — QB, 6'4", 210, Kilgore, TX
One of three Thundering Herd QB recruits. Spent two seasons at Kilgore (TX) CC.

Charles Hall — ATH, 6'0", 170, Jacksonville, FL
A member of the *Jacksonville Times-Union's* Super-24 squad as a senior. Played at Ed White HS.

Dane Holland — LB, 6'2", 205, Lexington, KY
Recorded 83 tackles and two INTs as a senior at Catholic HS.

Chris Royal — WR/DB, 5'11", 190, Herndon, VA
Recorded six INTs in 2001. Attended Fork Union (VA) Military Academy.

James Skinner — QB, 6'4", 192, Chillicothe, OH
Rated as the No. 43 pro-style QB in the country by *Rivals100.com*. Threw for 4,450 yards and 58 TDs during his prep career.

Dennis Thornton — LB, 6'0", 200, Spotsylvania, PA
Attended Hargrave (VA) Military Academy. Picked off six passes last season.

James Tunstalle — RB, 6'1", 205, New Richmond, WV
Rated by some as the top college prospect in West Virginia. Rushed for 1,821 yards and 21 TDs as a senior.

MAC East Prediction: 3rd
National Forecast: #73

Terry Hoeppner has a little secret. Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger should be even better this year. That's a hard pill to swallow for Miami opponents, but music to the ears of RedHawk fans.

Last season, Roethlisberger was named Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year and earned first-team Football Writers Freshman All-America honors.

Miami returns a strong corps of receivers, and Roethlisberger's development will be tied directly to the RedHawks' quest for a league title. "We asked a lot of Ben last year, probably too much," Hoeppner says. "Ben will get better after having grown a year older. He needs to make a big leap in terms of leadership. We will be more demanding of him. Everybody is excited. We now have a chance to make a statement."

quarterbacks

Roethlisberger burst onto the scene last year and broke Miami's single-season records for passing yards (3,105), touchdown passes (25), completion percentage (.663) and total offense (3,294). He also set MAC freshman records for passing yards and touchdown passes.

Josh Betts, a former Southwest Ohio Offensive Player of the Year, is Roethlisberger's understudy.

running backs

The RedHawks must establish a solid running game to complement their passing attack. Cal Murray and Luke Clemens should fill the void left by the departure of Steve Little. Clemens was Miami's second-leading rusher last year with 431 yards on 109 carries. Murray has plenty of speed and should build on last season's 342 rushing yards.

receivers

Roethlisberger has plenty of weapons at his disposal. The RedHawks are loaded at receiver with four players returning who averaged at least 10 yards per catch last fall. Sophomore Michael Larkin surprised everybody with a team-best 672 receiving yards, the fifth-best total in school history.

Jason Branch led the team with 46 catches and tallied 565 yards and six touchdowns, while fellow senior Eddie Tillitz was second in yards (577) and receptions (43). Randy Stegman looks to build on 2001 totals of 14 catches and 158 yards while Korey Kirkpatrick, Purdue transfer Andre Henderson and Martin Nance complete the RedHawks' talented corps of receivers.

Dan Tyler and Geoff Robinson will vie for the open tight end spot.

7–1 The RedHawks were 7–1 in 2001 when they passed for more yards than their opponents.

offensive linemen

Guarding the quarterback will be the main task for an experienced group of offensive linemen. The first order of business will be replacing center Paul Thaler. Sophomore Ben Hartings is the main candidate after backing up Thaler most of last season.

Left tackle Jacob Bell, the most athletic of the group, is finally healthy after missing 10 games last season due to a shoulder injury. Left guard Frank Smith and right tackle Ben Herrell started 10 games last year. Justin Smith will play right guard.

defensive linemen

Junior Phil Smith and senior Ryan Terry will try to solidify the defensive line. Smith piled up five sacks and Terry accounted for nine tackles for a loss. Smith will be moved over to left end, and Terry fills the right tackle slot.

Will Rueff and Matt Edwards, a former linebacker, are expected to fill the other two spots in Miami's front four.

linebackers

The RedHawks' 4-3 defense is triggered by a pair of first-team All-MAC performers in junior middle linebacker Terrell Jones and senior outside linebacker Matt Robillard.

Jones finished with a team-high 124 total tackles and Robillard amassed 109 stops and led the team with 13 tackles for a loss. The talented corps also includes outside backer Nathan Clayton.

defensive backs

Senior corner Milt Bowen and sophomore strong safety Matt Pusateri are the team's two returning starters in the secondary. Ryan Sprague is set at left corner, and the free safety position will come down to a battle between Van Monroe and newcomer Bryan Tyson.

specialists

Jared Parseghian, the great-nephew of Ara Parseghian, took over the kicking duties after Andy Brumbergs struggled at the start of last season.

Sophomore Mike Wafzig returns after averaging 38.6 yards per punt last season.



Miami SID

Terrell Jones

2002 Miami Roster

2001 Record: 7–5
MAC Record: 6–2
Head Coach Terry Hoeppner

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
53	Ashcraft, Shawn	LB	6'3"	230	Fr.	Oxford, OH
99	Barz, Mike	DE	6'4"	241	Fr.	Lisle, IL
74	Bell, Jacob	OL	6'5"	300	Jr.	Euclid, OH
8	Betts, Josh	QB	6'3"	206	Fr.	Vandalia, OH
83	Blackmon, Calvin	WR	6'4"	194	So.	Dayton, OH
18	Bowen, Milt	DB	6'2"	204	Sr.	Newfield, NJ
80	Branch, Jason	WR	6'6"	219	Sr.	LaBelle, FL
87	Brandt, Matt	TE	6'5"	244	Jr.	Toronto, ON
79	Bunce, Nate	OL	6'6"	282	Fr.	Hamilton, OH
38	Burke, Steve	DB	6'0"	179	Fr.	Spring, TX
91	Burt, Larry	DL	6'4"	302	So.	Warrensville Hghts., OH
39	Capper, Andy	FB	6'2"	248	So.	Springfield, OH
45	Clayton, Nathan	LB	6'2"	232	Jr.	Latrobe, PA
11	Clemens, Luke	RB	5'10"	213	Jr.	Dayton, OH
98	Cohen, Matt	LB	6'2"	219	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
85	Cooper, Jamie	WR	6'3"	185	So.	Cincinnati, OH
50	Edwards, Matt	DE/LB	6'2"	252	Sr.	West Chester, OH
55	Elcess, Zac	OL	6'5"	274	Fr.	Centerville, OH
94	Eyink, Alan	LB	6'4"	234	Jr.	Celina, OH
76	Fessel, Chris	OL	6'5"	275	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
72	Fisher, Ryan	OL	6'5"	294	Fr.	Lexington, KY
68	Fragel, Mark	DL	6'5"	251	Fr.	Grosse Pointe Farms, MI
65	Glavin, John	DL	5'11"	270	Fr.	Solon, OH
64	Hartings, Ben	OL	6'4"	272	So.	St. Henry, OH
82	Henderson, Andre	WR	6'2"	199	Fr.	Dublin, OH
71	Herrell, Ben	OL	6'7"	302	Jr.	Middleton, WI
9	Hodge, Alphonso	DB	5'11"	204	So.	Cleveland, OH
54	Hutzelman, David	LB	6'2"	212	Fr.	West Chester, OH
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88	Kirkpatrick, Korey	WR	6'1"	197	Jr.	Aurora, IN
60	Kosta, Dan	OL	6'2"	298	Jr.	Wickliffe, OH
75	Kracium, Mark	OL	6'5"	280	Fr.	New Carlisle, OH
6	Larkin, Michael	WR	5'8"	163	So.	Cincinnati, OH
48	Lauter, Bill	LB	6'2"	236	Fr.	Kettering, OH
62	Londot, Todd	OL	6'7"	276	Fr.	Utica, OH
58	Mester, Kurt	DL	6'4"	268	Sr.	Grand Rapids, MI
70	Meyer, Ryan	OL	6'5"	280	Fr.	Hubbard, OH
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26	Parseghian, Jared	K	5'10"	193	So.	Sylvania, OH
86	Proctor, Brandon	DL	6'3"	241	Fr.	Shaker Hghts., OH
19	Pusateri, Matt	DB	5'11"	192	So.	Dublin, OH
30	Redd, Ryan	DB	5'10"	180	Fr.	Pickerington, OH
37	Rehage, Derek	FB	6'1"	236	Fr.	Brookville, IN
61	Rehker, Dave	OL	6'5"	303	So.	Avon Lake, OH
44	Rich, Jarrod	LB	6'3"	236	Fr.	Waynesville, OH
17	Robillard, Matt	DB	6'3"	238	Sr.	Milford, CT
90	Robinson, Geoff	TE	6'4"	265	Jr.	Middletown, OH
7	Roethlisberger, Ben	QB	6'5"	240	So.	Findlay, OH
52	Rueff, Will	DL	6'4"	276	So.	Louisville, KY
53	Sagehorn, Scott	LS	6'3"	216	Sr.	Barrington, IL
66	Serina, Joe	DL	6'2"	293	Jr.	Atlanta, GA
34	Smith, Dwight	DB	5'10"	170	So.	Dayton, OH
54	Smith, Frank	OL	6'3"	287	Jr.	Cedarburg, WI
63	Smith, Justin	OL	6'5"	294	Sr.	Mason, OH
28	Smith, Mike	RB	6'0"	193	So.	Twinsburg, OH
57	Smith, Phil	DL	6'1"	262	Jr.	Shaker Hghts., OH
10	Smith, Sherman	DB	5'11"	191	So.	Franklin, TN
22	Sprague, Ryan	DB	5'10"	188	Jr.	Columbus, OH
49	Stanley, Will	DL	6'1"	248	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
81	Stegman, Randy	WR	5'10"	195	Sr.	Ft. Thomas, KY
56	Terry, Ryan	DL	6'2"	353	Sr.	Florissant, MO
47	Thompson, Jeremy	DL	6'4"	249	So.	Plainfield, IN
4	Tillitz, Eddie	WR	5'9"	175	Sr.	Martinsville, IN
31	Tripp, Paul	DB	6'0"	182	Sr.	San Diego, CA
89	Tyler, Dan	TE	6'4"	238	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
33	Upshaw, Marshall	LB	5'10"	222	So.	Chillicothe, OH
37	Vogel, Tyler	LB	6'3"	242	Fr.	Coldwater, OH
14	Vonderheide, J.D.	QB	6'0"	186	Jr.	Batesville, IN
16	Wafzig, Mike	WR/P	6'4"	233	So.	Germantown, OH
27	Wallace, Jay	RB	6'1"	209	So.	Martins Ferry, OH
26	Walls, Delvin	DB	5'8"	181	Jr.	Hazelwood, MO

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	**4**	**Eddie Tillitz (Sr.)**	81	Randy Stegman (Sr.)
WR	**80**	**Jason Branch (Sr.)**	88	Korey Kirkpatrick (Jr.)
WR	6	Michael Larkin (So.)	15	Martin Nance (Fr.)
LT	74	Jacob Bell (Jr.)	60	Dan Kosta (Jr.)
LG	**54**	**Frank Smith (Jr.)**	61	Dave Rehker (So.)
C	64	Ben Hartings (So.)	61	Dave Rehker (So.)
RG	**63**	**Justin Smith (Sr.)**	55	Zac Elcess (Fr.)
RT	**71**	**Ben Herrell (Jr.)**	60	Dan Kosta (Jr.)
TE	90	Geoff Robinson (Jr.)	37	Dan Tyler (Fr.)
QB	**7**	**Ben Roethlisberger (So.)**	89	Josh Betts (Fr.)
RB	43	Cal Murray (Jr.)	11	Luke Clemens (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE	**57**	**Phil Smith (Jr.)**	49	Will Stanley (Jr.)
DT	52	Will Rueff (So.)	91	Larry Burt (So.)
DT	**56**	**Ryan Terry (Sr.)**	91	Larry Burt (So.)
DE	50	Matt Edwards (Sr.)	58	Kurt Mester (Sr.)
OLB	**17**	**Matt Robillard (Sr.)**	48	Bill Lauter (Fr.)
MLB	**3**	**Terrell Jones (Jr.)**	50	Matt Edwards (Sr.)
OLB	**45**	**Nathan Clayton (Jr.)**	53	Shawn Ashcraft (Fr.)
CB	**18**	**Milt Bowen (Sr.)**	9	Alphonso Hodge (So.)
CB	22	Ryan Sprague (Jr.)	9	Alphonso Hodge (So.)
SS	**19**	**Matt Pusateri (So.)**	26	Delvin Walls (Jr.)
FS	20	Van Monroe (So.)		Bryan Tyson (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	26	Jared Parseghian (So.)
P	16	Mike Wafzig (So.)
KR	18	Milt Bowen (Sr.)
PR	4	Eddie Tillitz (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Ben Roethlisberger, 241-381-3,105-13, 25 TDs
Rushing: Luke Clemens, 109 car., 431 yds., 1 TD
Receiving: Jason Branch, 46 rec., 565 yds., 6 TDs
Scoring: Jared Parseghian, 6 FGs, 28 XPs, 46 points
Punting: Mike Wafzig, 59 punts, 38.6 avg.
Kicking: Jared Parseghian, 6-10 FGs, 28-30 XPs, 46 points
Tackles: Terrell Jones, 124, 62 solo
Tackles for loss: Matt Robillard, 13 for 30 yds.
Sacks: Phil Smith, 5, Matt Robillard, 5
Interceptions: Matt Robillard, 2 for 28 yds., Milt Bowen, 2 for 0 yds.
Kickoff returns: Milt Bowen, 22 ret., 23.1 avg.
Punt returns: Eddie Tillitz, 25 ret., 10.8 avg.

2001 Results

S. 1	at Michigan	L	13–31
S. 8	at Iowa	L	19–44
S. 22	Cincinnati	W	21–14
S. 29	at Ball State	W	28–20
O. 6	Buffalo	W	31–14
O. 13	Akron	W	30–27
O. 20	at Ohio	W	36–24
O. 27	Western Michigan	W	25–11
N. 3	at Bowling Green	W	24–21
N. 10	Marshall	L	21–27
N. 17	at Hawaii	L	51–52
N. 24	at Kent State	L	20–24

2002 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**

John Busing **LB** **6'3"** **210** **Alpharetta, GA**
Earned all-area, all-region and all-state honors as a senior. Racked up 255 tackles and 13 INTs during prep career.

Ryan Busing **QB** **6'3"** **190** **Alpharetta, GA**
Twin brother of fellow Redhawk signee John Busing. Threw for 2,335 yards and 23 TDs and rushed for seven more scores as a senior.

Joey Card **DB** **6'1"** **175** **Canton, OH**
Caught 42 passes for 702 yards and 11 TDs. Earned first-team all-conference, all-county and all-district honors as a senior. Owns school records for most receptions in a game (nine), season (42) and career (80).

Brian Cooper **TE** **6'5"** **265** **Springfield, OH**
Earned all-conference, all-county, all-district and second-team all-state honors as a senior. Recorded 94 tackles in 2001.

Kenneth Getch **OL** **6'4"** **250** **Carmel, IN**
An all-league, all-county, and honorable mention all-state honoree as a senior. Credited with 32 pancake blocks in 2001.

Darrell Hunter **ATH** **6'1"** **180** **Middletown, OH**
Named first-team All-Greater Miami (Ohio) Conference and all-district as a senior. Caught 37 passes for 677 yards in 2001.

Terna Nande **LB** **6'1"** **210** **Grand Rapids, MI**
Named first-team all-state as a senior. Averaged 16 tackles per game in 2001. Helped Creston HS to two city championships, a regional championship and a state runner-up finish in 1999.

Todd Soderquist **K** **6'2"** **195** **College Grove, TN**
Was 10-for-11 in FG attempts with a career long of 52 yards. Also played WR and returned punts and kicks. Caught 34 passes for 457 yards (15.3 ypc) and scored three TDs in 2001.

Marcus Tate **DB** **5'10"** **165** **Canton, GA**
Awarded All-North Georgia and all-county honors as a senior. Averaged 21.8 yards per catch in 2001. Also had three INTs.

Bryan Tyson **DB** **6'0"** **190** **Milan, IL**
Earned first-team all-conference and all-region honors as a senior. Recorded 223 tackles and eight INTs during his career.

Matt Vogle **ILB** **6'1"** **230** **North Bend, OH**
Recorded 137 tackles and five INTs as a senior. Named Greater Catholic League Player of the Year in 2001.

Josh Williams **WR** **6'1"** **190** **Cincinnati, OH**
Caught 42 passes for 654 yards as a senior. Earned *SuperPrep* All-America honors in 2001. Played in the Ohio-Pennsylvania Big 33 All-Star game.

Dontae Wright **DB** **6'3"** **180** **Louisa, KY**
Recorded 2,306 all-purpose yards as a senior. Named 2001 area co-Player of the Year. Helped Lawrence County HS to a 40–10 record during four-year varsity career.

MAC East Prediction: 6th
National Forecast: #107

The statistics bore out the obvious. Ohio ranked among the MAC's worst teams both offensively and defensively. As a result, an Ohio program which won seven games in 2000 stumbled through a one-win season in 2001.

The Bobcats, under first-year coach Brian Knorr, were devastated by key injuries. If the injury bug is squashed, and some veterans return to past form, particularly quarterback Dontrell Jackson, then Ohio could be a player in the MAC East again.

quarterbacks

Jackson has started 31 games over the past three years, but he is fighting to keep his job coming off a poor junior season (472 yards rushing, three TDs). The fact he is hardly a passing threat is no secret, although he did complete 12-of-15 in the spring game for 71 yards. Jackson's average yards per carry dropped from 5.6 as a sophomore to 3.3 as a junior.

Freddie Ray, while physically bigger and a better passer than Jackson, lacks Jackson's feel for the game

running backs

If you run the option, the stable better be full and deep at running back. That was not the case for the Bobcats last season; no OU back finished in the Top 10 in rushing in the MAC. The loss of Chad Brinker (393 yards, 7.4 yards per carry) after four games to remove a cyst inside his head was devastating, and nobody stepped up as a game-breaker in his place.

Brinker, who rushed for 734 yards as a sophomore, was held out of spring drills but is expected back at full strength in the fall. Versatile Ray Huston, who also plays fullback, and redshirt freshman Dion Byrum had solid springs.

receivers

If you can't block, you probably can't play for the Bobcats. Several players seem capable of hauling in passes on the flanks, including 6'3", 187-pound Joe Mohler (21 receptions, 269 yards, 2 TDs). But until the passing game improves, this position will not be featured.



Ohio SID

Ray Huston

offensive linemen

Yes, the Bobcats led the league in rushing. But an option football team should dominate the league in rushing, and that was not the case. Certainly backfield injuries were a factor, but the line can't be given a free pass, as OU's drop-off was by nearly 100 yards per game from 2000. Center Doug Wooten, tackle Erik Grahovac and guards Brian Brown and Dennis Thompson are seasoned veterans.

13.2 Ohio's scoring average dropped by 13.2 points per game from 2000 to '01. The Bobcats averaged 31.2 ppg during their seven-win season but dropped to 18.0 ppg last fall.

defensive linemen

Considering the OU defense ranked as one of the MAC's worst against the run last season (allowing 200.6 ypg rushing) this is an area to keep an eye on. As was the case with most positions on the team, injuries skewed a lot of statistics. For instance, junior noseguard Eli Kiener played in just six games due to foot injuries, but led the team in sacks with three. Senior noseguard Lamar Martin led all down linemen in tackles with 29. Ends Andre Parker and Garrett Bush have shown the ability to be productive performers, yet both have been bothered by a myriad of ailments.

linebackers

OU's top five linebackers from last season are gone, leaving a huge question mark going into this season. Indicative of the bad luck that permeates this team, projected junior starter at MLB Demetri Taylor was discovered to have a cardiac condition in the spring. It is unknown if he will play again. His replacement, sophomore Dennis Chukwuemeka, missed four games as a freshman due to injury.

defensive backs

A bright spot. The name is Bop White, and this senior could be looking at a professional career in the future. He has been a starter since his freshman season at cornerback and enters his last season with 11 career interceptions. A trio of part-time starters last season, Thomas Stephens, Chip Cox and Jonah Booker will battle for the other corner position with the others providing depth and experience. OU's leading tackler (109) from last season, safety Joe Sellers, moves to strong safety, leaving athletically gifted junior James Taylor, a converted WR, to roam at free safety.

specialists

The kicking game belongs to senior Kevin Kerr, who will handle both punting and placekicking chores. He has hit on 65 percent of his field goals over his career, including four kicks of 50 yards or more. He will take on the punting chores as well this season, replacing prolific All-American Dave Zastudil, who was drafted last spring by the Baltimore Ravens.

2002 Ohio Roster

2001 Record: 1–10 | **MAC Record:** 1–7 | **Head Coach** Brian Knorr

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
96	Adamson, Keith	DE	6'3"	245	Jr.	Strongsville, OH
32	Bell, Darrick	TB	6'2"	185	Fr.	Cleveland Hts., OH
37	Booker, Jonah	CB	5'8"	169	So.	Portsmouth, OH
51	Boon, D.T.	OLB	6'4"	207	So.	Somerset, KY
71	Brately, Pete	ILB	6'2"	231	So.	Dublin, OH
5	Brinker, Chad	TB	5'11"	188	Sr.	Martins Ferry, OH
64	Brown, Brian	OL	6'3"	279	Jr.	Fremont, OH
65	Brown, Eric	T	6'3"	295	Sr.	Santa Ana, CA
91	Bush, Garrett	DE	6'4"	273	So.	Canton, OH
16	Butler, Rashad	QB	6'0"	180	So.	Pearson, GA
41	Byrum, Dion	RB	5'11"	170	Fr.	Matthews, NC
6	Caesar, Jason	WR	5'9"	170	Sr.	Waldorf, MD
69	Carberry, Kevin	DE	6'4"	240	So.	Oak Lawn, IL
48	Cherry, Ricky	ILB	6'0"	220	So.	Durham, NC
46	Chukwuemeka, Dennis	ILB	5'11"	232	So.	Huntington, WV
21	Collette, Tony	FS	5'9"	180	So.	Dillonvale, OH
58	Collins, Chris	DE	6'4"	250	So.	San Diego, CA
59	Constantine, Rich	ILB	5'9"	228	Jr.	Uniontown, PA
11	Cox, Chip	DB	6'0"	175	So.	Columbus, OH
94	Curry, Evan	DE	6'5"	218	Jr.	Bedford, OH
87	DiMarino, Greg	K	6'4"	206	Fr.	N. Royalton, OH
41	Formen, Chris	FS	6'4"	177	So.	Westerville, OH
82	Gandy, Derek	TE	6'5"	272	Jr.	London, OH
76	Givens, Tim	G	6'6"	283	Jr.	Columbus, OH
38	Glen, Chris	OLB	6'0"	194	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
60	Grahovac, Erik	T	6'3"	272	Sr.	Wexford, PA
90	Grant, Hugh	OLB	6'3"	209	Jr.	Gastonia, NC
30	Halada, Justin	WR	6'3"	198	Jr.	Rossford, OH
12	Hawk, Ryan	QB	6'2"	193	So.	Centerville, OH
88	Hollins, Chaz	DE	6'4"	245	Sr.	Coraopolis, PA
29	Huston, Ray	FB	6'2"	200	So.	Centerville, OH
33	Hutchinson, Chris	HB	5'9"	163	So.	Wellston, OH
36	Ingram, Brian	WR	6'2"	185	Jr.	Harvey, IL
67	Jackson, Chris	T	6'4"	272	Sr.	Troy, OH
17	Jackson, Dontrell	QB	5'10"	167	Sr.	Harvey, IL
84	Jones, Nathan	WR	6'3"	187	Fr.	Lexington, KY
18	Kerr, Kevin	K	6'1"	179	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
72	Kiener, Eli	NG	6'0"	282	Jr.	Somerset, OH
93	Kreuger, Jordan	DL	6'3"	267	Fr.	Glencoe, IL
66	Lawrence, Steve	T	6'4"	270	Jr.	Medina, OH
40	Lebherz, Bo	DB	6'0"	195	Jr.	Encinitas, CA
54	Martin, Lamar	NG	6'3"	286	Sr.	Fort Wayne, IN
36	McDonough, Marcus	DB	5'8"	170	Fr.	Columbus, OH
14	Miller, Matthew	P	6'1"	185	Fr.	Westerville, OH
25	Mohler, Joe	WR	6'3"	187	Sr.	Dublin, OH
54	Nelson, Mike	T	6'2"	305	Fr.	Sinking Spring, PA
7	Owens, Stafford	HB	5'8"	178	So.	Harvey, IL
99	Parker, Andre	DL	6'1"	280	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
81	Pennington, Randy	TE	6'3"	245	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
15	Porter, Adam	QB	5'11"	192	Jr.	Chillicothe, OH
4	Pought, Tierra	WR	6'1"	177	Jr.	Harvey, IL
10	Ray, Freddie	QB	6'2"	188	Jr.	Martins Ferry, OH
78	Riley, Dave	ILB	6'1"	212	So.	Corning, OH
27	Robey, Ben	SS	5'11"	179	Jr.	Nelsonville, OH
18	Roush, Justin	FB	5'8"	207	So.	Pomeroy, OH
35	Rozzoni, Tony	FB	6'0"	223	Jr.	Noblesville, IN
2	Sellers, Joe	SS	5'10"	195	Sr.	Lima, OH
24	Shavers, Rahman	CB	6'0"	185	So.	Bedford, OH
89	Sherman, Willie	OLB	6'3"	237	Jr.	Hampton, VA
28	Sherrill, Joe	FB	6'1"	211	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
73	Sienicki, Lee	G	6'3"	294	So.	Lorain, OH
34	Simmons, Ike	FB	6'2"	210	Fr.	Gallipolis, OH
79	Stanko, Paul	OL	6'4"	260	Sr.	Reynoldsburg, OH
13	Stephens, Thomas	CB	6'0"	170	Jr.	Springfield, OH
3	Stover, Rob	OLB	5'11"	201	So.	Galena, OH
95	Swiger, Brandon	LS/DL	6'3"	250	Jr.	Sydney, OH
55	Taylor, Demetri	ILB	6'5"	214	Jr.	Winter Haven, FL
8	Taylor, James	FS	6'0"	185	Jr.	Ironton, OH
86	Tennant, David	HB	5'8"	187	Jr.	New Haven, WV
47	Terry, Chuck	ILB	6'3"	200	Jr.	Bedford, OH
85	Teton, Bobby	FB	6'0"	222	Fr.	Northfield, IL
50	Thompson, Dennis	T	6'4"	284	Jr.	Tallmadge, OH
3	Warren, Keith	HB	5'7"	174	Sr.	Powell, OH
83	Watt, Ryan	RB	5'7"	181	Fr.	Westerville, OH
9	White, Bop	CB	6'0"	174	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
98	Whitlatch, Dan	DE	6'1"	196	Fr.	Guysville, OH
70	Williams, Dave	T	6'4"	261	So.	Easton, PA
61	Wooten, Doug	C	6'3"	292	Sr.	Jackson, OH
74	Yates, Shane	OL	6'2"	280	Fr.	Martinez, GA

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE	**25**	**Joe Mohler (Sr.)**	6	Jason Caesar (Sr.)
LT	**60**	**Eric Grahovac (Sr.)**	54	Mike Nelson (Fr.)
LG	**50**	**Dennis Thompson (Jr.)**	54	Mike Nelson (Fr.)
C	61	Doug Wooten (Sr.)	64	Brian Brown (Jr.)
RG	64	Brian Brown (Jr.)	79	Paul Stanko (Sr.)
RT	67	Chris Jackson (Sr.)	79	Paul Stanko (Sr.)
TE	81	Randy Pennington (Sr.)	82	Derek Gandy (Jr.)
QB	**17**	**Dontrell Jackson (Sr.)**	10	Freddie Ray (Jr.)
HB	29	Ray Huston (So.)	41	Dion Byrum (Fr.)
HB	5	Chad Brinker (Sr.)	7	Stafford Owens (So.)
FB	**28**	**Joe Sherrill (Sr.)**	29	Ray Huston (So.)

Defense (3)

DE	99	Andre Parker (Jr.)	96	Keith Adamson (Jr.)
NG	**54**	**Lamar Martin (Sr.)**	72	Eli Kiener (Jr.)
DE	91	Garrett Bush (So.)	96	Keith Adamson (Jr.)
OLB	90	Hugh Grant (Jr.)	38	Chris Glen (Fr.)
ILB	46	Dennis Chukwuemeka (So.)	55	Demetri Taylor (Jr.)
ILB	59	Rich Constantine (Jr.)	71	Pete Brately (So.)
OLB	89	Willie Sherman (Jr.)	3	Rob Stover (So.)
CB	**9**	**Bop White (Sr.)**	11	Chip Cox (So.)
CB	13	Thomas Stephens (Jr.)	37	Jonah Booker (So.)
SS	**2**	**Joe Sellers (Sr.)**	40	Bo Lebherz (Jr.)
FS	8	James Taylor (Jr.)	40	Bo Lebherz (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	18	Kevin Kerr (Sr.)
P	18	Kevin Kerr (Sr.)
KR	6	Jason Caesar (Sr.)
PR	7	Stafford Owens (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Dontrell Jackson, 44-83-559-3, 2 TDs
Rushing: Dontrell Jackson, 143 car., 472 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving: Joe Mohler, 21 rec., 269 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: Kevin Kerr, 7 FGs, 21 XPs, 42 points
Punting: none
Kicking: Kevin Kerr, 7-12 FGs, 21-23 XPs, 42 points
Tackles: Joe Sellers, 109, 70 solo
Tackles for loss: Lamar Martin, 4 for 11 yds.
Sacks: Eli Kiener, 3
Interceptions: Bop White, 3 for 0 yds.
Kickoff returns: Jason Caesar, 24 ret., 20.2 avg.
Punt returns: Stafford Owens, 22 ret., 7.7 avg.

2001 Results

A. 30	at Akron	L	29–31
S. 8	at West Virginia	L	3–20
S. 22	Iowa State	L	28–31
O. 6	Toledo	L	41–48
O. 13	at Central Michigan	W	34– 3
O. 20	Miami (OH)	L	24–36
O. 27	Kent State	L	14–24
N. 3	at Buffalo	L	0–44
N. 10	Bowling Green	L	0–17
N. 17	at Marshall	L	18–42
N. 24	at NC State	L	7–27

2002 Signees

Aaron Bryant OL 6'3" 285 Richmond, VA
A two-time second-team all-district performer. Also named honorable mention all-metro as a senior.

Chris Collins DL 6'4" 250 San Diego, CA
A two-time All-Foothills Conference selection at Mesa (CA) CC.

Matt Coppage OL 6'4" 260 Walton, KY
An all-state selection as a senior. Selected as an all-star by the *Kentucky Post* and the *Kentucky Enquirer* in 2001.

Phillip Fountain DE/FB 6'1" 225 Kennesaw, GA
Rushed for 487 yards on 67 carries as a senior. Recorded 45 tackles and four sacks in 2001.

Bryant Jackson DB 6'0" 180 Hamilton, OH
Named first-team All-Butler County and All-Greater Cincinnati as a senior. Played both DB and RB during prep career.

Billy Johnson LB 6'3" 208 Parkersburg, WV
A two-time all-state honoree. Recorded 16 sacks as a senior.

John Knabb OL 6'3" 280 McMurray, PA
A Wendy's High School Heisman Award nominee as a senior and a two-time all-conference selection.

Bo Lebherz DB 6'0" 195 Encinitas, CA
A two-time all-conference selection at Mesa (CA) CC. Named Mesa's Defensive Player of the Year as a sophomore.

Roger Lewis LB 6'2" 215 Lexington, KY
Earned honorable mention all-state honors as a senior. Recorded 132 tackles in 2001.

Corey Logan TE/LB 6'3" 220 Columbus, OH
Earned all-city and all-district honors as a senior. Tallied 97 tackles (34 for a loss) and nine sacks in 2001.

Ahmona Maxwell WR 6'1" 170 Paducah, KY
A first-team all-state selection as a senior. Recorded 81 tackles and seven INTs in 2001.

Scott Mayle ATH 6'1" 175 Philippi, WV
Rushed for 1,809 yards on 157 carries as a senior. Named the Big 10 Conference co-Player of the Year in 2000 and 2001.

Matt Muncy LB 6'2" 210 Miamisburg, OH
Earned honorable mention All-Ohio Division I honors as a senior Rushed for 1,480 yards in 2001.

Marcquis Parham DB 5'11" 175 Kent, OH
Earned all-conference honors as a senior. Registered 143 tackles during prep career.

Tyler Russ DB 6'1" 195 Stetsonville, WI
A three-time all-state pick. Amassed over 7,000 all-purpose yards and scored 72 TDs in his career.

Frank Sanders DB 6'0" 185 Harvey, IL
Earned All-SICA Blue Conference honors as a senior.

Tremaine Suggs DB 6'0" 185 Canton, OH
Recorded 38 tackles, two INTs and eight pass breakups in 2001. Earned all-conference and all-county honors as a senior.

Spencer Tatum ATH 6'1" 205 Lafayette, LA
Rushed for 890 yards and 10 TDs and recorded 65 tackles while playing at Fork Union (VA) Military Academy in 2001.

Cole Wesley DL 6'4" 270 Vandalia, OH
Earned all-conference honors three times and All-Southwest District honors twice.

Thomas Wright DB 5'11" 175 Beaumont, TX
A second-team all-state and first-team all-district selection as a senior.

Brad Young RB 6'1" 215 Wellston, OH
Rushed for 2,046 yards and 32 TDs as a senior. A two-time all-state and all-district performer.

MAC West Prediction: 4th
National Forecast: #89

Bill Lynch is not a big fan of the month of September. Over the last four seasons, his Ball State Cardinals are 0–16 during September, opening each campaign with four straight losses.

But with 15 starters back from a club that tied Toledo for first place in the MAC's Western Division, Lynch is optimistic his club can get off to a strong start in 2002.

"I really think we've made good progress the last few years," Lynch says. "But it would be nice to win one game in September, at least. We're ready as a program to take that next step and win some games early in the season. We had to hit the bottom to get back up."

quarterbacks

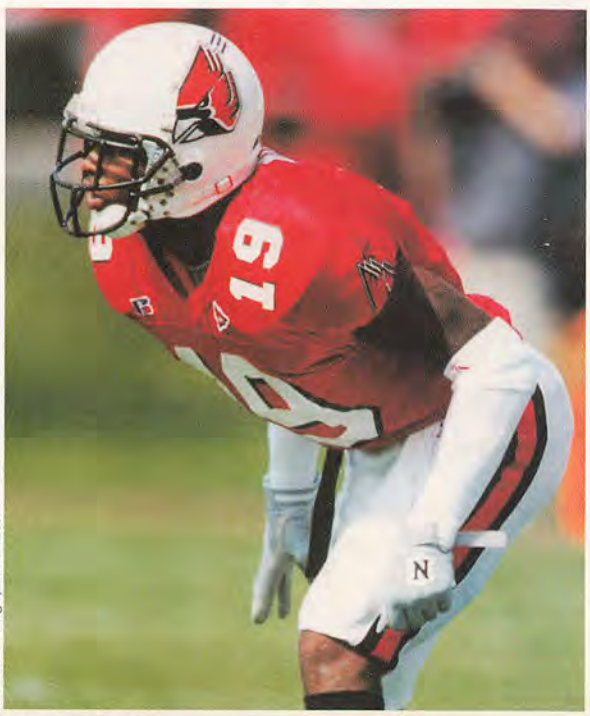
Junior Talmadge Hill returns after passing for the third-highest single-season total in school history. One season after earning MAC Freshman of the Year honors, Hill showcased his passing skills as a sophomore with 1,953 yards and 13 touchdowns. His 301 attempts were the second-most in BSU history and his 159 completions rank sixth all-time. Hill has started 18 consecutive games, and the Cardinals sport a respectable 10–8 record with him running the show.

Junior Andy Roesch hasn't seen much action since Hill took over in the fifth game of the 2000 season, but he is a capable replacement.

running backs

Marcus Merriweather returns at tailback after a second straight 1,000-yard season. The senior gained 1,244 yards, scored 12 touchdowns and earned first-team All-MAC honors. Merriweather averaged 124.4 yards per game, ranking him second in the conference and 10th in the country. The Doak Walker Candidate needs 1,110 yards this fall to surpass Bernie Parmalee as the school's all-time leading rusher.

Fullback Scott Volk started six games last fall and will be pushed by sophomore Dan Sprouls.



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Steve Monson

receivers

Ball State's biggest hole is at wide receiver, where senior Sean Schembra (34 receptions, 432 yards) is the only returnee with appreciable playing experience. Jason Barnes, Steve Sutherland, Ryan Hahaj and Clint Planck are the leading candidates to fill the void. Wayne Washington and Michael Williams complete the crowded mix of inexperienced receivers. Other than Schembra, no other receiver had a catch last season.

The tight end spot is secure with Jon Eckert, who had 17 catches for 217 yards.

2 Marcus Merriweather became only the second running back in school history to run for 1,000 or more yards in back-to-back seasons.

offensive linemen

Center Colin Johnson leads a battle-tested offensive line that welcomes back four starters. Left tackle Kris Berry, left guard David Miller and right guard Travis Barclay help form a solid nucleus. Johnson and Miller are fifth-year seniors while Berry and Barclay are juniors. The right tackle spot will go to either Joel Hofmann or Adam Rothstein.

defensive linemen

Tackle Greg Pagnard is the Cardinals' only returning starter on the defensive line. Paul Strabavy and Jonas Williams will man the end positions with four players battling at noseguard. Keith Anderson is the likely starter, but Nick Graymire, Patrick Neils and Martin Miekczynski will also be in mix.

linebackers

Weak-side linebacker Lorenzo Scott and outside linebacker Justin Beriault were two of the most productive defensive players in the MAC last season. Scott led the Cardinals with 124 tackles (13 for a loss) and Beriault had 117 stops, which ranked him among the top freshman tacklers in the country. Middle linebacker Shannon Donaldson and Justin Riley complete the Cardinals' talented linebacker corps.

defensive backs

Two-year starters Steve Monson and Jesse Avant return at the corners. Avant had two interceptions and seven pass break-ups last season. Monson led the Cardinals with nine break-ups and snagged two interceptions. Charles Avant and Jade Winchell will compete for the safety position along with Douglas Owusu.

specialists

The kicking duties will be handled by the sure foot of Mike Langford, who made all six of his field goals and all 21 extra point attempts last season.

Reggie Hodges is back after averaging 41.3 yards-per-punt, the fifth-best single-season mark in BSU history.

2002 Ball State Roster

2001 Record: 5–6
MAC Record: 4–3
Head Coach: Bill Lynch

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
52	Anderson, Keith	NT	6'2"	249	So.	Morris, IL
2	Avant, Charles	S	5'9"	181	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
1	Avant, Jesse	CB	5'8"	179	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
62	Barclay, Travis	OG	6'4"	284	Jr.	Bedford, IN
29	Barnes, Jason	WR	6'0"	191	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
31	Beriault, Justin	S	6'3"	190	So.	Indianapolis, IN
78	Berry, Kris	T	6'3"	286	Jr.	Hartford City, IN
32	Blair, Scott	TB	6'1"	204	So.	Somerset, KY
37	Brizendine, Mike	S	5'8"	195	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
22	Coleman, Jeremy	CB	5'9"	177	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
27	Crumpton, Donald	ROV	6'1"	208	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
10	Cunningham, Phil	K	6'2"	205	Jr.	Covington, IN
40	Donaldson, Shannon	MLB	6'0"	222	So.	Columbus, OH
80	Eckert, Jon	TE	6'4"	242	Sr.	New Bremen, OH
95	Ferrill, Martin	DE	6'3"	232	So.	Evanston, IL
96	Franklin, Mark	TE	6'5"	250	So.	Indianapolis, IN
99	Graymire, Nick	NT	6'3"	255	Fr.	Ottawa, OH
87	Hahaj, Ryan	WR	6'4"	190	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
26	Hawkins, Chuckie	TB	5'10"	190	Fr.	Terre Haute, IN
94	Hess, Brad	DE	6'3"	219	So.	Lawrenceburg, IN
15	Hill, Talmadge	QB	6'0"	195	Jr.	Oak Park, IL
30	Hodges, Reggie	P	6'1"	221	So.	Champaign, IL
69	Hofmann, Joel	T	6'6"	286	Jr.	Liberty, IN
6	Hooks, Eric	QB	6'0"	190	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
77	Jantzen, Mike	C	6'1"	314	Jr.	New Haven, KY
64	Johnson, Colin	C	6'2"	289	Sr.	Joliet, IL
75	Knisley, Ty	T	6'6"	322	So.	New Carlisle, OH
57	Kramer, Blair	DE	6'4"	250	Fr.	Maumee, OH
53	Kurtz, Gordy	G	6'3"	306	So.	Brookville, IN
43	Langford, Mike	K	5'9"	163	Jr.	Highland Park, IL
89	Mangus, Noah	TE	6'4"	225	Jr.	South Bend, IN
11	Manley, Quentin	CB	6'0"	185	Jr.	Lima, OH
90	McElhaney, Jeff	WLB	5'11"	226	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN
44	Merriweather, Marcus	TB	6'0"	209	Sr.	Fort Wayne, IN
50	Metzler, Andrew	MLB	6'0"	228	Sr.	Zionsville, IN
74	Miekczynski, Martin	NT	6'3"	270	Fr.	Grayslake, IL
48	Mikalauskas, Travis	ROV	6'3"	227	Fr.	Dayton, OH
79	Miller, David	G	6'3"	324	Sr.	Goshen, IN
85	Miller, Mike	DE	6'5"	225	Fr.	Evansville, IN
19	Monson, Steve	CB	5'8"	168	Sr.	Bolingbrook, IL
73	Neils, Patrick	NT	6'4"	280	Fr.	Sheboygan, WI
16	Owusu, Douglas	S	5'11"	175	Jr.	Bolingbrook, IL
55	Pagnard, Greg	DT	6'1"	277	Jr.	Tiffin, OH
88	Planck, Clint	WR	6'3"	201	Jr.	Middletown, OH
71	Ramsey, Jeff	G	6'3"	299	So.	Fairfield, OH
56	Riley, Justin	ROV	6'3"	240	Jr.	Elkart, IN
12	Roesch, Andy	QB	6'4"	230	Jr.	Galion, OH
68	Rothstein, Adam	T	6'5"	302	Fr.	Chesterfield, MO
83	Schembra, Sean	WR	5'11"	180	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
42	Schembra, Tommy	CB	6'0"	185	So.	Indianapolis, IN
47	Scott, Lorenzo	WLB	6'2"	210	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
28	Short, Johnny	TB	5'6"	201	Sr.	Kankakee, IL
65	Slaughter, Conrad	DT	6'3"	250	So.	St. Louis, MO
98	Smith, Bryan	TE	6'5"	235	Fr.	Auburn, MI
23	Smith, Donta	WLB	6'1"	205	Fr.	East Chicago, IN
33	Sprouls, Dan	FB	6'0"	238	So.	South Bend, IN
39	Stark, Andy	WLB	6'2"	215	Fr.	Seymour, IN
66	Stiffarm, Adrian	T	6'6"	295	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
45	Strabavy, Paul	DE	6'1"	237	Jr.	Whiting, IN
84	Streit, Tim	TE	6'4"	245	Sr.	Fishers, IN
18	Sutherland, Steve	WR	6'3"	204	So.	Bloomington, IN
70	Tabacca, Nick	G	6'4"	275	So.	Columbus, OH
93	Tilmon, Jerome	DT	6'2"	285	So.	East St. Louis, IL
38	Volk, Scott	FB	5'11"	227	Sr.	Crown Point, IN
20	Washington, Wayne	WR	6'1"	204	Jr.	Oak Park, IL
46	Williams, Jonas	DE	6'0"	252	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
49	Williams, Michael	WR	6'0"	178	So.	Indianapolis, IN
17	Winchell, Jade	S	5'10"	196	Sr.	Santa Claus, IN
24	Wynn, Charles	TB	5'11"	230	Fr.	Sylvania, OH

Depth Chart

Offense (10)

WR	87	Ryan Hahaj (Fr.)	88	Clint Planck (Jr.)
WR	**83**	**Sean Schembra (Sr.)**	29	Jason Barnes (So.)
LT	**78**	**Kris Berry (Jr.)**	75	Ty Knisley (So.)
LG	**79**	**David Miller (Sr.)**	70	Nick Tabacca (So.)
C	**64**	**Colin Johnson (Sr.)**	77	Mike Jantzen (Jr.)
RG	**62**	**Travis Barclay (Jr.)**	71	Jeff Ramsey (So.)
RT	69	Joel Hofmann (Jr.)	68	Adam Rothstein (Fr.)
TE	**80**	**Jon Eckert (Sr.)**	**84**	**Tim Streit (Sr.)**
QB	**15**	**Talmadge Hill (Jr.)**	12	Andy Roesch (Jr.)
FB	**38**	**Scott Volk (Sr.)**	33	Dan Sprouls (So.)
TB	**44**	**Marcus Merriweather (Sr.)**	32	Scott Blair (So.)

Defense (5)

DE	45	Paul Strabavy (Jr.)	94	Brad Hess (So.)
DT	**55**	**Greg Pagnard (Jr.)**	65	Conrad Slaughter (So.)
NT	52	Keith Anderson (So.)	99	Nick Graymire (Fr.)
DE	46	Jonas Williams (Sr.)	57	Blair Kramer (Fr.)
Rov	56	Justin Riley (Jr.)	27	Donald Crumpton (Sr.)
MLB	40	Shannon Donaldson (So.)		Andrico Spates (Fr.)
WLB	**47**	**Lorenzo Scott (Jr.)**	23	Donta Smith (Fr.)
S	**31**	**Justin Beriault (So.)**	37	Mike Brizendine (Sr.)
CB	**19**	**Steve Monson (Sr.)**	11	Quentin Manley (Jr.)
CB	**1**	**Jesse Avant (Jr.)**	42	Tommy Schembra (So.)
FS	2	Charles Avant (Sr.)	17	Jade Winchell (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	43	Mike Langford (Jr.)
P	30	Reggie Hodges (So.)
KR	83	Sean Schembra (Sr.)
PR	42	Tommy Schembra (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Talmadge Hill, 159-301-1,953-15, 13 TDs
Rushing: Marcus Merriweather, 268 car., 1,244 yds., 12 TDs
Receiving: Sean Schembra, 34 rec., 432 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Marcus Merriweather, 13 TDs, 78 points
Punting: Reggie Hodges, 60 punts, 41.3 avg.
Kicking: Mike Langford, 6-6 FGs, 21-21 XPs, 39 pts.
Tackles: Lorenzo Scott, 124, 72 solo
Tackles for loss: Lorenzo Scott, 13 for 42 yds.
Sacks: Greg Pagnard, 4
Interceptions: Jesse Avant, 2 for 97 yds., Steve Monson, 2 for 9 yds.
Kickoff returns: Sean Schembra, 17 ret., 19.2 avg.
Punt returns: Tommy Schembra, 1 ret., 13.0 avg.

2001 Results

S. 1	at Auburn	L	0–30
S. 8	at Kentucky	L	20–28
S. 22	Northern Iowa	L	39–42
S. 29	Miami (OH)	L	20–28
O. 13	at Eastern Michigan	W	35–14
O. 20	Toledo	W	24–20
O. 27	at Connecticut	W	10– 5
N. 3	Central Michigan	W	38–34
N. 10	Kent State	L	18–31
N. 17	at Northern Illinois	L	29–33
N. 24	at Western Michigan	W	35–31

2002 Signees

Kris Anastopoulos — OL, 6'5", 304, Joliet, IL
An all-conference and all-area performer as a senior.

Larry Bostic — RB, 5'7", 175, Fort Wayne, IN
A three-time all-conference honoree who rushed for 1,297 yards and 15 TDs as a senior. Earned second-team all-state honors from *The Associated Press*.

Derek Broussard — WR, 6'1", 190, Deer Park, TX
Selected among the Top 15 WRs in Texas by *Dave Campbell's Football Magazine*. Earned All-Greater Houston honors as a senior.

Mike Brown — OL, 6'4", 300, Mooresville, IN
Awarded all-state honors as a senior by the Indiana Coaches Association and the *AP*.

Anthony Corpuz — LB, 6'2", 210, Fenton, MO
An all-metro and all-area honoree. Named team's Most Valuable Defensive Player in 2001.

Vincent Davis — LB, 6'3", 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Rated the No. 79 OLB in the country by *Rivals100.com*.

Chris Jackson — WR, 6'0", 185, Muncie, IN
Rated the top WR in the state as a senior in the voting for Indiana's Mr. Football award. Caught 76 passes for 1,655 yards and 20 TDs in 2001.

Tom Kellar — DE/TE, 6'3", 250, Indianapolis, IN
Recorded 108 tackles and eight sacks as a senior. Rated among the Top 100 strong-side DEs in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Erik Keys — DB, 5'10", 203, Indianapolis, IN
Made the *Bloomington Herald* Top 33 list as a senior. Tallied 210 tackles and seven INTs during career.

Riley Larimore — DE, 6'2", 252, Merrillville, IN
Named the Duneland Conference Most Valuable Defensive Player as a senior. Listed on the Indiana Coaches Top 50 list.

Joey Lynch — QB, 6'2", 180, Muncie, IN
Threw for 3,261 yards and 34 TDs as a senior. Son of Ball State head coach Bill Lynch.

Aaron Matthews — DB, 5'10", 190, Orlando, FL
Missed the majority of senior season due to injury. Recorded 131 tackles, four INTs and three sacks during prep career.

Eric McClurg — ATH, 6'1", 192, Greenwood, IN
Named Johnson County Player of the Year in 2001. Tied the state record with 31 career INTs.

Todd Racine — QB, 6'4", 220, Noblesville, IN
Threw for 1,416 yards and 13 TDs as a senior. Earned all-county and all-metro honors in 2001.

Ricky Rakestraw — DB, 5'9", 165, Dayton, OH
Earned All-Greater Catholic League and All-Dayton Area honors as a senior.

Dante Ridgeway — WR, 6'1", 183, Decatur, IL
Recorded 570 yards on 32 catches and nine TDs as a senior. An honorable mention all-state selection.

Justin Schneider — OL, 6'5", 255, Hilbert, WI
Earned all-state honors. Recorded 55 tackles, four sacks and two fumble recoveries as a senior.

Justin Schweighardt — DL, 6'1", 265, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Earned all-state and All-Broward County honors as a senior.

Brad Seiss — RB/LB, 6'0", 195, Warsaw, IN
Made the *Bloomington Herald* Top 33 list as a senior. Rushed for 1,586 yards and 29 TDs in 2001.

Jason Sieman — LB, 6'3", 220, Katy, TX
A three-time letter winner who earned all-district honors in 2001.

Andrico Spates — LB, 6'2", 210, Decatur, IL
Rated the No. 59 OLB in the nation by *Rivals100.com*. Recorded 93 tackles and five sacks as a senior.

Ryan Steele — OL/DL, 6'6", 250, Middleton, WI
Earned All-Big Eight and all-region honors as a senior. Also received honorable mention all-state accolades.

Central Michigan Chippewas

MAC West Prediction: 6th
National Forecast: #110

Central Michigan is making strides to return to the MAC's elite. One of the dominant programs in the conference from the mid 1970s through the early '80s, CMU has fallen on hard times of late. The Chippewas have suffered through six consecutive losing seasons and have won just five games in Mike DeBord's two years in Mount Pleasant.

There is, however, legitimate reason for optimism this fall. The Chips return 41 lettermen, including 19 starters, from the 2001 team which finished 3–8. "We were more competitive last season," says DeBord, a former offensive coordinator at Michigan. "Now we need to win."

quarterbacks

Both Derek Gorney and Derrick Vickers, who shared the position a year ago, return. But neither quarterback was very effective; Gorney passed for 831 yards and five TDs while Vickers added 1,156 yards passing and seven TDs. If the Chippewas want to move up in the standings, they will need more consistent production from the quarterback position. "I don't care if it's a senior or a freshman, we are going with the guy who gives us the best opportunity to win," says DeBord.

running backs

Junior Terrence Jackson earned second-team all-conference honors after rushing for 1,194 yards and 10 touchdowns. The 230-pounder can run inside or outside and has good receiving skills coming out of the backfield. The Chips have quality backups in Kenan Lawhorne (5.1 yards per carry) and speedy Robbie Mixon.

Central is one of the rare teams that still utilizes the fullback position. Adam Supianoski is an excellent blocking back.



Central Michigan SID

Terrence Jackson

receivers

The top three wideouts return in Rob Turner, Rod Means and Willie Hill. This trio accounted for nearly 60 percent of the team's receiving yards a year ago but was also responsible for many of the Chips' 43 dropped balls. Freshmen Obed Genaille and Markus Naves may contribute right away.

Central has a quality tight end in sophomore Tory Humphrey, who averaged 9.9 yards per catch and added three touchdowns.

4 Linebacker James King tied an NCAA Division I record when he blocked four punts in CMU's 35–21 loss at Michigan State last year.

offensive linemen

DeBord is a former offensive line coach at Michigan and takes great pride in developing linemen in his program. The Chippewas line should be the team's strength after helping pave the way for 199 rushing yards per game while allowing just 18 sacks in 2001.

Guard Kyle Croskey should finally receive the all-conference accolades that have eluded him in his previous three seasons as a starter. Other returning linemen include Adam Kieft, Paul Brieger and Derek McLaughlin.

defensive linemen

Three starters return from a unit that was the second-worst rush defense in the MAC. Central gave up 208 yards per game on the ground, but veteran ends Cullen Jenkins and Matt Reynolds, along with tackle Marvin Smith, hope to change that statistic. "We want to stop the run and become a great tackling team," DeBord says. William Brookshire, Jay Davidson, Dominic Mancini, Morgan Sheppard and Matt Wohlgemuth all have playing experience and are looking to become bigger playmakers.

linebackers

The coaching staff believes Jovan Clarke (96 tackles in 2001) and Darvin Lewis are two of the best linebackers in the conference. Anthony Tyus emerged during the spring and may push Clarke for the starting role. Ed Hillery and James King also return to this improving unit.

defensive backs

In a league that features outstanding quarterbacks at almost every stop, having quality defensive backs is a must. "We are going to have very athletic corners back there and I expect Derrick Holoman be a real surprise," says DeBord.

Holoman, a sophomore who played in seven games as a true freshman, will be joined by returning letterman Ron Bartell and Dante McKnight, who is making a switch from wide receiver to cornerback. Fabrice Raymond and freshman Dennis Doe look to contribute.

specialists

The punting chores are in good hands with the return of Brian Brandt, who averaged 40.1 yards per kick last fall. The placekicking duties are wide open, however, after the graduation of four-year starter Paul Savich.

2002 Central Michigan Roster

2001 Record: 3–8
MAC Record: 2–6
Head Coach Mike DeBord

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
92	Ajoku, Ike	DE	6'1"	250	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY
96	Anthony, Caleb	DT	6'4"	255	Fr.	Ludington, MI
17	Arnoldink, Grant	QB	6'4"	230	So.	Holland, MI
5	Bartell, Ron	FS	6'3"	200	So.	Detroit, MI
50	Bentley, Robert	LB	6'0"	220	So.	Wyoming, WI
40	Brandt, Brian	P	6'2"	200	Jr.	Wausau, MI
63	Brieger, Paul	G	6'4"	305	Sr.	Almont, MI
25	Briggs, Teron	DB	5'9"	180	So.	Mt. Morris, MI
55	Brookshire, William	DE	6'3"	245	So.	Twin Lake, MI
82	Brown, Jacob	WR	6'2"	205	So.	Saginaw, MI
17	Christofferson, Andrew	K	6'2"	170	Fr.	Novi, MI
54	Clarke, Jovan	LB	6'3"	230	Sr.	Miami, FL
34	Clyne, Adam	PK	5'9"	160	Sr.	New Baltimore, MI
34	Colen, Omari	DB	6'1"	205	So.	Lathrup Village, MI
67	Cooper, James	DT	5'11"	270	Fr.	Detroit, MI
36	Crenshaw, Desmond	WR	5'8"	175	Fr.	Highland Park, MI
57	Croskey, Kyle	G	6'3"	310	Sr.	East Lansing, MI
30	Dailey, Jesse	CB	5'8"	175	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
91	Davidson, Jay	DT	6'4"	275	Jr.	Frankfort, MI
48	Erwin, Brent	LB	6'0"	220	So.	Commerce Township, MI
69	Ghiaciuc, Eric	C	6'5"	290	So.	Oxford, MI
80	Gibson, Scott	WR	6'3"	180	Fr.	Jefferson, WI
13	Gonzales, James	DB	5'10"	180	Sr.	Pontiac, MI
15	Gorney, Derek	QB	6'2"	200	Sr.	Clinton Township, MI
43	Gruzwalski, Mike	K	5'8"	165	Fr.	Shelby Township, MI
81	Harper, Justin	WR	5'11"	185	Fr.	Abilene, TX
9	Hill, Willie	WR	5'11"	180	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
53	Hillery, Ed	LB	6'1"	225	Jr.	Rochester Hills, MI
32	Holoman, Derrick	CB	5'10"	180	So.	Midland, MI
85	Humphrey, Tory	TE	6'3"	230	So.	Saginaw, MI
11	Ignace, Josh	K	5'8"	170	Jr.	Grand Blanc, MI
23	Jackson, Justin	RB	5'9"	165	Fr.	Detroit, MI
29	Jackson, Terrence	FB	6'0"	230	Jr.	Somerset, NJ
72	Jenerou, Jeff	OL	6'7"	290	Fr.	Manistique, MI
41	Jenkins, Cullen	DE	6'2"	250	Sr.	Belleville, MI
12	Keim, Bryan	LB	5'10"	190	Jr.	Sturgis, MI
70	Kieft, Adam	T	6'7"	300	So.	Rockford, MI
27	Kiel, Richard	DB	5'10"	180	Fr.	Detroit, MI
24	King, James	DB	6'1"	195	So.	Oak Park, MI
86	Kurzen, Dave	TE	6'6"	235	So.	Massillon, OH
73	Langton, Tom	T	6'9"	315	Jr.	Westfield, NJ
21	Lawhorne, Kenan	HB	5'11"	210	Jr.	Miami, FL
31	Lewis, Darvin	LB	6'3"	230	Sr.	Detroit, MI
37	Lewis, Spencer	RB	5'10"	225	Fr.	Lathrup Village, MI
32	Lindstrom, Bryan	FB	6'0"	220	So.	White Lake, MI
74	Mancini, Dominic	DT	6'3"	270	Jr.	Hinsdale, IL
33	Maxwell, Marlin	CB	5'9"	175	Fr.	Detroit, MI
25	McKnight, Dante	CB	5'10"	187	Jr.	Trenton, NJ
60	McLaughlin, Derek	G	6'5"	295	Jr.	Berrien Springs, MI
16	Means, Rod	WR	6'3"	192	Sr.	Inkster, MI
7	Messam, Steve	WR	5'9"	175	Jr.	South Bay, FL
6	Mixon, Robbie	HB	5'11"	190	Sr.	Detroit, MI
99	Muragin, Kalani	DT	6'2"	270	So.	Orlando, FL
65	Myler, Joe	OL	6'3"	354	Fr.	Detroit, MI
26	Nelson, Jon	LB	6'1"	210	So.	Lake Zurich, IL
20	Parks, Alan	HB	5'9"	190	Sr.	Saginaw, MI
71	Patrick, Adam	DL	6'4"	260	Fr.	Ashley, MI
11	Perry, Jeff	QB	6'1"	200	So.	Apple Valley, CA
48	Peyerk, Troy	FB	6'0"	230	Fr.	Kimball, MI
61	Pitzer, Brandon	G	6'3"	285	So.	Brighton, MI
19	Pryce, Mike	HB	5'10"	185	Fr.	Punta Gorda, FL
45	Radtke, Tyler	ILB	6'1"	180	Fr.	Griffith, MI
23	Raymond, Fabrice	CB	5'10"	180	Fr.	Lachine, PQ
96	Reardon, Josh	LB	6'1"	220	So.	Sturgis, MI
39	Reese, James	LB	6'1"	215	Fr.	Brighton, MI
98	Reynolds, Matt	DE	6'3"	260	Sr.	Port Huron, MI
66	Schulenburg, Eric	OL	6'4"	290	Jr.	Springfield, IL
95	Sheppard, Morgan	DE	6'5"	260	Fr.	Ortonville, MI
14	Smith, Kent	QB	6'5"	200	Fr.	Toledo, OH
58	Smith, Marvin	NG	6'1"	270	Sr.	Wellington, FL
49	Supianoski, Adam	FB	6'3"	235	Jr.	Manistee, MI
22	Thomas, Mike	DB	5'8"	175	So.	Ft. Myers, FL
24	Thompson, Nick	WR	5'11"	184	So.	Menominee, MI
18	Turner, Rob	WR	6'3"	200	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
45	Tyus, Anthony	LB	5'10"	220	So.	Lansing, MI
10	Vickers, Derrick	QB	5'11"	190	Jr.	Miami, FL
42	Wallace, Derrick	LB	6'0"	210	Jr.	Naples, FL
56	Wohlgemuth, Matt	DE	6'5"	265	Jr.	Lake Orion, MI
77	Zarafonetis, Dean	OL	6'4"	310	Fr.	Grand Rapids, MI

Depth Chart

Offense (10)

WR	**18**	**Rob Turner (Sr.)**	1	Obed Genaille (Fr.)
WR	**16**	**Rod Means (Sr.)**	**9**	**Willie Hill (Jr.)**
LT	73	Tom Langton (Jr.)	72	Jeff Jenerou (Fr.)
LG	**60**	**Derek McLaughlin (Jr.)**	**63**	**Paul Brieger (Sr.)**
C	69	Eric Ghiaciuc (So.)	65	Joe Myler (Fr.)
RG	**57**	**Kyle Croskey (Sr.)**	61	Brandon Pitzer (So.)
RT	**70**	**Adam Kieft (So.)**	77	Dean Zarafonetis (Fr.)
TE	**85**	**Tory Humphrey (So.)**	86	Dave Kurzen (So.)
QB	**15**	**Derek Gorney (Sr.)**	10	Derrick Vickers (Jr.)
FB	49	Adam Supianoski (Jr.)	32	Bryan Lindstrom (So.)
TB	**29**	**Terrence Jackson (Jr.)**	21	Kenan Lawhorne (Jr.)

Defense (9)

DE	**41**	**Cullen Jenkins (Sr.)**	56	Matt Wohlgemuth (Jr.)
NG	**58**	**Marvin Smith (Sr.)**	99	Kalani Muragin (So.)
DT	91	Jay Davidson (Jr.)	74	Dominic Mancini (Jr.)
DE	**98**	**Matt Reynolds (Sr.)**	55	William Brookshire (So.)
SLB	54	Jovan Clarke (Sr.)	45	Anthony Tyus (So.)
MLB	**31**	**Darvin Lewis (Sr.)**	50	Robert Bentley (So.)
WLB	**53**	**Ed Hillery (Jr.)**	45	Anthony Tyus (So.)
BLB	**24**	**James King (So.)**	**34**	**Omari Colen (So.)**
CB	**32**	**Derrick Holoman (So.)**	23	Fabrice Raymond (Fr.)
CB	25	Dante McKnight (Jr.)	27	Richard Kiel (Fr.)
FS	**5**	**Ron Bartell (So.)**		Dennis Doe (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	11	Josh Ignace (Jr.)
P	40	Brian Brandt (Jr.)
KR	32	Derrick Holoman (So.)
PR	25	Dante McKnight (Jr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Derrick Vickers, 116-211-1,156-6, 7 TDs
Rushing: Terrence Jackson, 252 car., 1,194 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving: Rob Turner, 50 rec., 668 yds., 4 TDs
Scoring: Terrence Jackson, 10 TDs, 60 points
Punting: Brian Brandt, 72 punts, 40.1 avg.
Kicking: none
Tackles: Jovan Clarke, 96, 62 solo
Tackles for loss: Jovan Clarke, 15 for 55 yds.
Sacks: Cullen Jenkins, 5, Jovan Clarke, 5
Interceptions: 4 players with 1 each
Kickoff returns: Derrick Holoman, 11 ret., 18.4 avg.
Punt returns: Dante McKnight, 6 ret., 6.7 avg.

2001 Results

A. 30	Eastern Kentucky	W	42–28
S. 8	at Michigan State	L	21–35
S. 22	Toledo	L	28–52
S. 29	at Buffalo	W	16– 8
O. 13	Ohio	L	3–34
O. 20	at Marshall	L	21–42
O. 27	Northern Illinois	L	24–33
N. 3	at Ball State	L	34–38
N. 10	Eastern Michigan	W	35–30
N. 17	at Western Michigan	L	17–20
N. 24	at Boise State	L	10–26

2002 Signees

Charles Archie — CB, 6'0", 175, Grand Rapids, MI
Earned both all-area and all-district honors as a senior.

Dan Bazuin — DE, 6'3", 230, McBain, MI
Rated as the No. 29 player in the state by the *Detroit Free Press*. Earned first-team all-state honors as a senior.

Dave Condeni — TE, 6'4", 214, Farmington Hills, MI
Was an all-conference performer as a senior.

Robert Daugherty — DE, 6'6", 255, Utica, MI
Earned both all-area and all-district honors as a senior.

Dennis Doe — DB, 6'4", 191, Detroit, MI
An all-state performer. Listed as the No. 30 player in the state by the *Free Press*. Recorded 181 tackles as a senior.

Obed Genaille — WR, 6'3", 175, Montreal, PQ
Rated as one of the Top 25 players in Canada following his senior season.

Jay Gillette — OL, 6'2", 285, Aurora, IL
Received all-area and all-district honors in 2001.

Eric Karbowski — OL, 6'3", 294, Standish, MI
Earned first-team all-state honors as a senior.Listed as the No. 20 player in the state by the *Free Press*.

Tyrone Kelly — CB, 6'0", 174, Sterling Heights, MI
Was an all-conference performer at Renaissance HS in 2001.

Doug Kress — S, 6'2", 194, Lapeer, MI
Earned all-conference honors as a senior at West HS.

Drew Mormino — OL, 6'4", 265, Buffalo Grove, IL
A first-team all-state recipient following the 2001 campaign.

Markus Naves — WR, 6'1", 175, Grand Rapids, MI
All-district performer as a senior. Rated the No. 46 prospect in the state by the *Free Press*.

Mike Ogle — S, 6'2", 215, Caledonia, MI
Earned all-area and all-district honors in 2001.

Damon Perry — DE, 6'4", 255, Detroit, MI
All-conference performer as a senior at Kettering HS.

Jason Smith — S, 6'2", 210, Detroit, MI
Earned second-team Class D All-State honors as a senior.

Robert Stanger — OL, 6'4", 340, Hamilton, OH
Awarded all-conference honors following the 2001 campaign.

Anthony Thompson — DL, 6'2", 280, Cincinnati, OH
Named to the first-team all-state squad as a senior.

Orlando Walton — CB, 5'10", 180, Muskegon, MI
An all-state selection as a senior.

Eastern Michigan Eagles

MAC West Prediction: 7th
National Forecast: #116

The Jeff Woodruff era at Eastern Michigan has produced just five wins in two years. Time, however, is on his side. The Eagles have enjoyed just one winning season (6–5 in 1995) since 1989, and the school realizes it will take time to rebuild the EMU program.

Woodruff and his staff have put together two solid recruiting classes and remain committed to building the team with high school talent rather than junior college transfers.

This fall, the Eagles welcome back 11 starters and 29 lettermen. A manageable schedule with six home games — including two I-AA foes — may provide EMU an opportunity for a winning record.

quarterbacks

Kainoa Akina started seven games as a true freshman last year and led the team with 1,504 passing yards and 14 touchdowns. Akina set a school record with six touchdown passes in a loss at Akron in the final week of the season.

Jeff Crooks, Eastern's starter at the beginning of the 2001 season, has recovered from a shoulder injury, but he figures to be a backup this year.

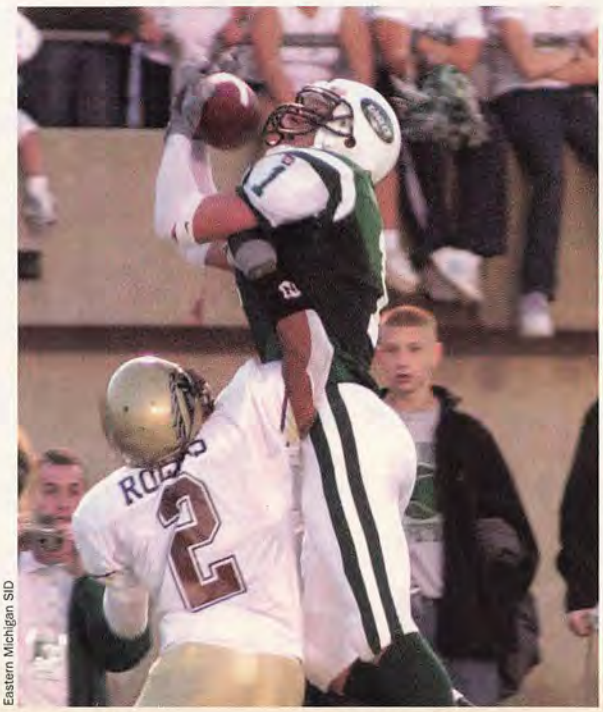
running backs

Ime Akpan gained just 98 yards rushing during an injury-shortened 2001 season, but the powerful 6'0", 230-pound senior was healed in time to participate in spring practice. He is expected to be the Eagles' top threat out of the backfield.

receivers

The Eagles return wideout Kevin Walter, a 6'3" 220-pound senior who led EMU with 62 receptions, 748 yards and six TDs. C.R. Roberson was Eastern's leading rusher in 2001 but has been moved to receiver due to the depth at running back. Chris Talley, Erik Ibom and Alonzo Harris return, but EMU will sorely miss its second-leading receiver from a year ago, Terrance Lloyd, who is not returning for his senior year. Woodruff expects incoming freshmen Dan Fugate, Courtney Evans and LaGarian Houston to play right away.

Kevin Zureki and Brett Wells return at tight end, but they combined for just 13 catches for 173 yards.



Eastern Michigan SID

Kevin Walter

offensive linemen

Dan Davis, an undersized lineman, is the lone returning starter from a unit that struggled during the 2001 season. Having so many new faces in the trenches may be a good thing. The coaching staff is excited about probable starters Michael Johnson, Scott Golem, Derrick Swanigan and converted tight end Tom Kaleita. Woodruff feels this squad will be stronger and faster than last season's.

127 EMU lost a 65–62 triple-overtime thriller at Akron last year. The 127 combined points are a MAC record, and the game was the second-highest scoring Division I-A game ever played.

defensive linemen

The Eagles return three starters on the line from a defense that yielded a respectable 376 total yards per game in 2001. End Matt Kudu started as a true freshman (41 tackles) and should be one of the more improved players on the team. Veteran Jari Brown has been a mainstay at defensive tackle for EMU, and C.J. Roberson returns at the rush end position.

linebackers

Eastern Michigan took a huge hit with the graduation of Scott Russell and Kenny Philpot, the second- and fifth-leading tacklers, respectively, in school history.

Three new starters must be found. Middle linebacker David Lusky "can be a special player for us," says Woodruff. Lusky, the leader of the special teams units last year, will be joined by Keyvon Barbee and Kevin Harrison. Woodruff also loves the play of sophomore John Wester (6'1", 241) who the coach calls "the most impressive player on the team."

defensive backs

Although the Eagles were respectable defending the pass last fall, Eastern's defensive backs only mustered six interceptions all year, the second-lowest total in the conference. "We will be a different-looking team back there," says Woodruff. Erick Middleton, Michael Woods and Jerry Gaines are the three returning starters; the latter two were true freshmen last fall.

Competition at the corners will come from Nate Brooks, Steven Lewis and Gavin Gardner. Jamie Manor comes from the junior college ranks and looks to play right away at free safety.

specialists

Eric Klaban returns as the placekicker and handled all kickoff duties in 2001. David Rysko returns as the punter but will need to improve on his 35.8-yard average.

2002 Eastern Michigan Roster

2001 Record: 2–9 | **MAC Record:** 1–6 | **Head Coach** Jeff Woodruff

NO	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
12	Akina, Kainoa	QB	5'11"	192	So.	Tucson, AZ
34	Akpan, Ime	TB	6'0"	230	Sr.	Novi, MI
31	Archie, Frank	DB	5'9"	185	Jr.	Detroit, MI
21	Barbee, Keyvon	LB	5'10"	225	So.	Pontiac, MI
55	Barnes, Jerry	DL	6'6"	230	So.	Detroit, MI
45	Bednarik, Steven	LB/FB	6'1"	220	Fr.	St. Helen, MI
38	Black, Chris	DB	5'9"	180	So.	Detroit, MI
53	Booker, James	DE	6'5"	235	So.	Detroit, MI
78	Booth, Brian	OL	6'3"	295	Fr.	Waterville, OH
35	Brooks, Nate	DB	5'8"	168	So.	Ypsilanti, MI
93	Brown, Jari	DL	6'4"	265	Sr.	Lansing, MI
	Buckley, Brian	DB	5'11"	190	Fr.	Plymouth, MI
30	Carter, Mark	DB	5'11"	190	So.	Romulus, MI
61	Cowser, Gemayel	OL	6'2"	260	Fr.	Chicago, IL
8	Crooks, Jeff	QB	6'2"	206	Jr.	Cypress, CA
40	Crosby, Marcus	DB	5'10"	205	So.	Jefferson, AL
87	Dach, Carson	TE	6'1"	258	Sr.	Grand Blanc, MI
59	Davis, Dan	DL	6'4"	270	So.	Lancaster, OH
	Edwards, Corey	DB	5'10"	185	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
16	Edwards, Troy	QB	6'2"	210	Sr.	Pekin, IL
71	Estes, Sam	OL/DL	6'5"	342	Fr.	Romulus, MI
90	Gagnon-Gordillo, Olivier	DE	6'2"	243	Fr.	Charlesbourg, PQ
32	Gaines, Jerry	DB	6'2"	180	So.	Canton, MI
39	Gardner, Gavin	DB	5'9"	172	Fr.	Detroit, MI
65	Godbold, Steven	OL	6'1"	280	So.	University Heights, OH
74	Golem, Scott	OL	6'5"	282	So.	Dearborn, MI
63	Harper, Brian	OL	6'0"	284	Fr.	Romulus, MI
15	Harris, Alonzo	WR	6'2"	195	So.	Chicago, IL
18	Harrison, Kevin	LB	6'1"	225	So.	Ypsilanti, MI
5	Hazel, Kaliym	TB	5'9"	180	So.	Hackensack, NJ
	Heard, Mitchell	LB	6'2"	230	So.	Willow Run, MI
19	Henry, Justin	TB	5'4"	154	Fr.	Detroit, MI
51	Hicks, Marvin	LB	6'4"	218	Fr.	Detroit, MI
83	Ibom, Erik	WR	6'2"	196	Sr.	Columbus, OH
48	Jacobs, Adam	TE	6'2"	205	So.	East Lansing, MI
57	Jenkins, Brian	DL	6'1"	240	Jr.	Oak Park, MI
67	Johnson, Michael	OL	6'3"	300	Jr.	Joliet, IL
	Jones, Kristopher	WR	6'0"	183	Fr.	Detroit, MI
75	Kaleita, Tom	OL	6'5"	275	So.	Kingsley, MI
79	Kegebein, Brad	OL	6'6"	252	Fr.	Ferndale, MI
50	Kern, Garrett	LS	6'0"	225	Fr.	Grand Blanc, MI
39	Klaban, Brian	K	5'7"	190	Fr.	West Bloomfield, MI
27	Klaban, Eric	K	5'10"	171	Sr.	W. Bloomfield, MI
95	Kudu, Matt	DL	6'3"	272	So.	Mississauga, ON
	Lechrone, Kenny	DL	6'5"	285	Fr.	Kettering, OH
23	Lewis, Steven	DB	5'8"	155	So.	Toledo, OH
92	Lisek, Matt	DL	6'2"	245	Fr.	Chicago Ridge, IL
54	Lusky, David	LB	6'2"	230	Jr.	Novi, MI
11	Manor, Jamie	DB	6'0"	200	Jr.	Las Vegas, NV
80	McCollum, Dominic	WR	6'2"	200	So.	Southfield, MI
	Mickel, David	DL	6'5"	260	Fr.	Albion, MI
29	Middleton, Erick	DB	5'10"	175	Sr.	University Park, IL
	Nichols, Lucian	LB	6'1"	235	So.	Detroit, MI
10	Okoro, Chinedu	QB	6'1"	204	So.	Chicago, IL
25	Parker, Corey	DB	6'1"	195	So.	Detroit, MI
14	Perry, Jereme	DB	6'0"	192	Jr.	Saginaw, MI
97	Pettway, Eric	DL	6'2"	270	So.	Southfield, MI
	Poole, Jamaal	WR	6'0"	185	Fr.	Inkster, MI
17	Pyle, Rick	TE	6'3"	205	Jr.	Lansing, MI
76	Rapien, Paul	OL	6'3"	243	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
52	Roberson, Chris J.	DE	6'1"	240	Sr.	Maple Heights, OH
6	Roberson, Chris R.	WR	5'10"	185	So.	Farmington Hills, MI
91	Russell, Hammond	DL	6'3"	279	Sr.	Columbus, OH
28	Rysko, David	P	6'1"	197	Jr.	Rockford, MI
37	Salvatori, Mike	LB	6'2"	216	Jr.	Orland Park, IL
24	Sherrell, Anthony	TB	5'11"	195	So.	Roseville, MI
49	Stallworth, Nate	LB	5'11"	200	So.	Detroit, MI
47	Stanford, James	WR	6'2"	193	So.	Detroit, MI
70	Suszan, Nick	OL	6'2"	261	So.	Gulf Breeze, FL
60	Swanigan, Derrick	OL	6'2"	361	Jr.	Riverdale, IL
81	Talley, Chris	WR	5'11"	174	So.	Romulus, MI
66	Tucker, Mario	OL	6'3"	320	So.	Ypsilanti, MI
1	Walter, Kevin	WR	6'3"	220	Sr.	Libertyville, IL
13	Watson, Ashantti	TB	5'10"	202	Jr.	Detroit, MI
89	Wells, Brett	TE	6'2"	252	Sr.	Livonia, MI
9	Wester, John	LB	6'1"	241	Fr.	Romulus, MI
42	Whittington, Chris	LB	6'0"	228	Sr.	Northville, MI
58	Wilson, Lloyd	OL	6'3"	290	Jr.	Long Beach, CA
36	Woodruff, Rontrell	DB	5'11"	185	So.	Southfield, MI
8	Woods, Michael	DB	5'10"	166	So.	Romulus, MI
94	Wornum, Lennard	DL	5'11"	253	Jr.	Detroit, MI
82	Zureki, Kevin	TE	6'2"	251	Jr.	Dearborn, MI

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

TE	**82**	**Kevin Zureki (Jr.)**	89 Brett Wells (Sr.)
LT	67	Michael Johnson (Jr.)	79 Brad Kegebein (Fr.)
LG	**59**	**Dan Davis (So.)**	61 Gemayel Cowser (Fr.)
C	74	Scott Golem (So.)	63 Brian Harper (Fr.)
RG	60	Derrick Swanigan (Jr.)	78 Brian Booth (Fr.)
RT	75	Tom Kaleita (So.)	66 Mario Tucker (So.)
WR	**1**	**Kevin Walter (Sr.)**	83 Erik Ibom (Sr.)
WR	**6**	**C.R. Roberson (So.)**	83 Erik Ibom (Sr.)
WR	81	Chris Talley (So.	15 Alonzo Harris (So.)
QB	**12**	**Kainoa Akina (So.)**	8 Jeff Crooks (Jr.)
TB	34	Ime Akpan (Sr.)	5 Kaliym Hazel (So.)

Defense (6)

DE	**95**	**Matt Kudu (So.)**	90 Olivier Gagnon-Gordillo (Fr.)
DT	**93**	**Jari Brown (Sr.)**	57 Brian Jenkins (Jr.)
DT	91	Hammond Russell (Jr.)	97 Eric Pettway (So.)
DE	**52**	**C.J. Roberson (Sr.)**	92 Matt Lisek (Fr.)
SLB	18	Kevin Harrison (So.)	37 Mike Salvatori (Jr.)
MLB	54	David Lusky (Jr.)	45 Steve Bednarik (Fr.)
WLB	21	Keyvon Barbee (So.)	9 John Wester (Fr.)
CB	**8**	**Michael Woods (So.)**	23 Steven Lewis (So.)
CB	35	Nate Brooks (So.)	**29 Erick Middleton (Sr.)**
FS	11	Jamie Manor (Jr.)	30 Mark Carter (So.)
SS	**32**	**Jerry Gaines (So.)**	25 Corey Parker (So.)

Special Teams

K	27	Eric Klaban (Sr.)
P	28	David Rysko (Jr.)
KR	6	C.R. Roberson (So.)
PR	6	C.R. Roberson (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Kainoa Akina, 140-267-1,504-11, 14 TDs
Rushing: C.R. Roberson, 167 car., 755 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving: Kevin Walter, 62 rec., 748 yds., 6 TDs
Scoring: Kevin Walter, 6 TDs, 36 points
Punting: David Rysko, 88 punts, 35.8 avg.
Kicking: Eric Klaban, 7-10 FGs, 1-1 XPs, 22 points
Tackles: Erick Middleton, 56, 34 solo
Tackles for loss: Matt Kudu, 4 for 12 yds., David Lusky, 4 for 8 yds.
Sacks: Matt Kudu, 2
Interceptions: Erick Middleton, 3 for 27 yds.
Kickoff returns: C.R. Roberson, 12 ret., 23.1 avg.
Punt returns: C.R. Roberson, 6 ret., 7.0 avg.

2002 Results

S. 1	SE Missouri State	W	16–12
S. 8	at Maryland	L	3–50
S. 22	Indiana State	L	14–21
S. 29	Western Michigan	L	10–31
O. 6	at Connecticut	L	0–19
O. 13	Ball State	L	14–35
O. 27	Buffalo	W	24–20
N. 3	at Northern Illinois	L	17–40
N. 10	at Central Michigan	L	30–35
N. 17	at Toledo	L	7–28
N. 24	at Akron	L	62–65

2002 Signees

Brandon Baker OL 6'4" 256 Cleveland, OH
First-team All-Lake Erie, All-Northeast Lakes and all-county as a senior. Recorded 53 tackles in 2001.

Oscar Caywood DB 5'11" 170 Cleveland, OH
Caught 47 passes for 932 yards and 10 TDs as a senior. Also had 11 INTs.

Yves Dieudonne DB 6'2" 160 Immokalee, FL
Played both WR and DB. Earned first-team all-conference honors in 2001.

Courtney Evans WR 6'4" 190 Battle Creek, MI
Rated as the No. 39 Blue Chip prospect in the state by the *Detroit News*. Caught 38 passes for 514 yards and five TDs as a senior.

Dan Fugate WR 6'3" 200 Dundee, MI
Holds the state record with 289 yards receiving in a game. Will compete as a long and high jumper for the EMU track team.

Zach Harris LB 6'0" 245 Portsmouth, OH
Earned All-Ohio honors as a senior. Recorded 141 tackles (23 for a loss) in 2001.

LaGarian Houston WR 5'8" 165 Immokalee, Fl
A first-team all-conference recipient in 2001. Led prep team in receptions as a senior.

Kevin Howe TE/DE 6'3" 240 Grand Haven, MI
A second-team Dream Team selection by the *Grand Rapids Press*. Recorded 73 tackles and 10.5 sacks as a senior.

Martez Ivery LB 6'1" 215 Cincinnati, OH
Named Southwest Ohio Defensive Player of the Year and earned first-team all-league and all-state honors.

Jamie Manor DB 6'0" 200 Las Vegas, NV
Earned second-team All-Foothill Conference honors as a sophomore at Antelope (CA) CC in 2001.

Geoffrey Pope DB 6'0" 175 Detroit, MI
Recorded 57 tackles (five for a loss), four INTs and one fumble recovery as a senior.

Trumaine Riley WR 5'9" 165 Akron, OH
A two-way honorable mention all-state selection as a senior. Rushed for 1,100 yards and 16 TDs in 2000.

Jason Robert DL 6'4" 275 Troy, MI
Listed among the Top 60 Blue Chip prospects in the state by the *Detroit News*. Earned honorable mention all-state honors as a senior.

Michael Romeli OL 6'3" 290 Chicago, IL
Earned honorable mention all-state honors from the *Chicago Tribune* as a senior. A two-time all-conference selection.

Robert Seehase OL 6'7" 273 Cadillac, MI
Listed as the No. 35 prospect on the *Detroit Free Press* Fab 50 list. Honorable mention all-state by the *Detroit News* as a senior.

Jason Siepka OL 6'5" 285 Chicago, IL
A first-team all-conference pick in 2001.

Sean Simms DL 6'5" 275 Mississauga, ON
Rated the No. 27 overall prospect and No. 2 DT in Eastern Canada. Participated on Team Canada's All-Star Team.

Jamar White LB 6'3" 235 Dolton, IL
Rated among the Top 30 area recruits by the *Chicago Sun-Times*. A two-time All-SICA selection as a prep.

Lloyd Wilson OL 6'3" 290 Long Beach, CA
Earned honorable mention all-league honors as a sophomore at Cerritos (CA) CC.

Reggie Woods DL 6'3" 275 Columbus, OH
Earned first-team all-city, all-district and honorable mention all-state honors as a senior. Recorded 81 tackles and six sacks in 2001.

Mark Zambrano LB 6'2" 205 Cedar Grove, NJ
A first-team All-Essex County, All-Colonial Hills Conference and Group I All-State selection as a senior.

Manesse Zephir DB 6'0" 205 Montreal, PQ
Rated the No. 14 overall prospect and No. 1 strong safety in Eastern Canada. Recorded 50 tackles and six sacks as a senior.

Northern Illinois Huskies

MAC West Prediction: 2nd
National Forecast: #74

Everything is pointing toward another winning season for Northern Illinois. Coming off a 6–5 campaign, which included a 17–12 loss at Big Ten champion Illinois, the Huskies appear to be poised for another breakthrough campaign.

In 16 years as a Mid-American Conference member, the Huskies haven't recorded back-to-back winning seasons until the past two years. Northern Illinois hopes to continue breaking new ground. The Huskies return 16 starters but first must overcome one major roadblock — replacing quarterback Chris Finlen, the school's first three-time captain since 1899.

"Right now, I don't have any idea who will be the quarterback," coach Joe Novak said in the spring. "We need somebody to step up. He doesn't have to be a superstar. We have an experienced offense returning. But you just can't replace Chris Finlen's experience overnight. But the rest of the team is strong and we should be good."

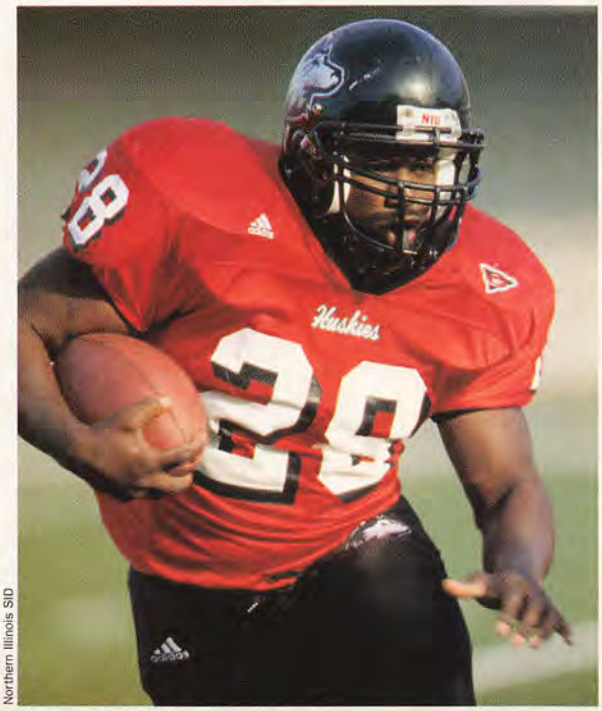
quarterbacks

Sophomore Josh Haldi is the most likely choice as the starter, but he took just 20 snaps last year. Junior Kyle Padia is familiar with the offense but lacks experience. Junior college transfer Ryan Gilbert and redshirt freshman Joe Stamm also are possibilities. Stamm is the most athletic of the group that also includes heralded freshman recruit Phil Horvath.

running backs

The winner of the quarterback derby inherits the luxury of having two quality running backs. The Huskies welcome back 90.5 percent of their rushing attack from last season. Thomas Hammock, who broke the 1,000-yard barrier for the second straight season, and backup Michael Turner make up one of the best one-two tandems in the conference.

Hammock (1,096 yards) and Turner (395 yards) often rotate series and wear down defenses with different styles of running. Hammock likes to pound the middle, while Turner uses his blazing speed.



Northern Illinois SID

Thomas Hammock

receivers

Senior flanker P.J. Fleck has the tough task of replacing Darrell Hill, the Huskies' leader in receiving yards in 2001. But Fleck, who caught 59 passes for 732 yards, learned well under the tutelage of Hill and 2001 NFL draftee Justin McCareins. Junior Keith Perry had several big catches as a freshman, but injuries led to only 17 receptions last year. Junior college transfer Travis House, Mike Archie and Dan Sheldon will also be asked to make contributions.

8–3 Northern Illinois boasts an 8–3 record when Thomas Hammock rushes for 100 or more yards.

offensive linemen

Injuries riddled an inexperienced offensive line last season, but the Huskies were still able to amass 1,589 yards on the ground. Second-team All-MAC selection Tim Vincent returns at left tackle. The other three returning starters are center Todd Ghilani, right guard Shaun Schroeder and right tackle Mark Orszula. The tight end position is strong with returning starter Matt Dunker.

defensive linemen

Senior nose tackle Anthony Falbo anchors a young defensive line. Travis Moore and Jason Frank give the Huskies speed at both ends. Eric Didesch, a starter in 2001, will battle redshirt freshman Charles Johnson for the starting job at right tackle. Converted linebacker Vinson Reynolds, Jason Banks and Curtis Crossley will see time as backups.

linebackers

Middle linebacker Nick Duffy (125 tackles) and weak-side linebacker Larry Williams (123) were the Huskies' top two playmakers last season. Brian Atkinson takes over at the strong-side spot and Kursten Strothman is emerging as a top-notch backup.

defensive backs



Hard-hitting free safety Lionel Hickenbottom heads a strong secondary that returns all four starters. Cornerback Vince Thompson earned all-conference honors with five interceptions and 12 pass deflections last season. Cornerback Randee Drew and strong safety Akil Grant complete the Huskies' secondary.

specialists

Kicker Steve Azar picked up a bushel of awards after another strong season. The MAC Special Teams co-Player of the Year tied for third in the country in field goals made per game and missed only two attempts under 40 yards. Senior punter Jimmy Erwin busted loose after a dismal sophomore season.

Fleck will handle the punt return duties and Turner takes over as kickoff returner.

2002 Northern Illinois Roster

2001 Record: 6–5
MAC Record: 4–3
Head Coach Joe Novak

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
87	Anderson, Aaron	TE	6'4"	228	So.	Geneseo, IL
81	Archie, Mike	WR	6'2"	195	Jr.	Chicago, IL
38	Atkinson, Brian	LB	6'2"	218	So.	Chicago, IL
30	Augustine, Mike	K/P	5'9"	180	So.	Des Moines, IA
13	Azar, Steve	K	5'8"	192	Jr.	Colorado Springs, CO
93	Banks, Jason	NT	6'1"	273	Sr.	Dolton, IL
59	Blaschka, Brent	LB	6'0"	212	Fr.	Verona, WI
3	Bledsoe, Kandras	WR	5'8"	170	Jr.	Freeport, IL
92	Blonn, Ben	TE	6'2"	220	Fr.	Lansing, IL
75	Bryner, Jeff	C	6'1"	207	Fr.	Skokie, IL
49	Chaires, Al	FB	5'11"	226	Sr.	Chicago, IL
90	Cieslak, Brad	TE	6'4"	232	So.	Long Grove, IL
61	Cooksey, Leonard	DT	6'0"	280	Jr.	Harvey, IL
25	Crossley, Curtis	DE	6'2"	211	So.	Kankakee, IL
51	Didesch, Eric	NT	6'4"	276	Sr.	East Dubuque, IL
37	Dole, Justin	SS	6'0"	190	Sr.	Manteno, IL
18	Drew, Randee	CB	5'9"	179	Jr.	Milwaukee, WI
45	Duffy, Nick	LB	6'2"	232	Jr.	Wheaton, IL
72	DuFrenne, Andrew	C	6'5"	260	Fr.	Bloomington, IL
86	Dunker, Matt	TE	6'5"	241	Sr.	Marengo, IL
74	Ebenhoch, Jacob	G	6'4"	283	Fr.	Sussex, WI
60	Ellis, Joel	G	6'5"	308	Jr.	Emmetsburg, IA
4	Erwin, Jimmy	P	6'0"	223	Sr.	Mastic Beach, NY
94	Falbo, Anthony	NT	6'3"	263	Sr.	River Grove, IL
76	Fitzgerald, Shea	T	6'8"	268	Fr.	Winnetka, IL
82	Fleck, P.J.	WR	5'10"	177	Sr.	Sugar Grove, IL
23	Francis, Devron	FS	5'8"	175	So.	Jacksonville, FL
99	Frank, Jason	DE	6'6"	246	Jr.	Lakeville, MN
63	Ghilani, Todd	C	6'3"	288	Jr.	Elkhorn, WI
21	Grant, Akil	SS	5'10"	187	Jr.	Kankakee, IL
10	Haldi, Josh	QB	6'2"	194	So.	Madison, OH
28	Hammock, Thomas	TB	5'8"	214	Sr.	Fort Wayne, IN
39	Hawkins, Brandon	SS	6'2"	210	So.	Chicago, IL
22	Hawkins, Jason	LB	6'2"	237	So.	Schaumburg, IL
9	Hickenbottom, Lionel	FS	5'11"	187	Jr.	Dolton, IL
11	Hogrefe, Jason	P	6'4"	208	Sr.	Downers Grove, IL
96	Holman, Quince	DE	6'3"	235	Fr.	Woodridge, IL
70	Jensen, Zak	T	6'3"	286	Fr.	Hopkins, MN
95	Johnson, Charles	DT	6'2"	293	Fr.	Waterloo, IA
35	Johnson, DuJuan	TB	6'1"	196	Jr.	University Park, IL
33	Johnson, James	FB	5'10"	240	Sr.	Chicago, IL
35	Lanum, Jon	TB	5'10"	199	Jr.	DuQuoin, IL
47	Lee, Javan	LB	6'3"	204	Fr.	Michigan City, IN
27	Lee, Rob	CB	6'0"	189	So.	Port Washington, WI
2	Lothson, Andy	WR	6'1"	187	So.	DeKalb, IL
79	Lueck, Ben	G	6'3"	304	So.	Oswego, IL
89	Malmstedt, Jeff	WR	6'3"	217	Sr.	Carol Stream, IL
7	McDermott, David	WR	6'2"	175	So.	Southfield, MI
71	McGhghy, Matt	G	6'2"	281	So.	Keokuk, IA
97	McIntyre, Justin	DT	6'0"	295	Fr.	Shreveport, LA
56	Moore, Travis	DE	6'1"	232	So.	Robbins, IL
67	Ohmen, Matt	TE	6'5"	235	Fr.	Sun Prairie, WI
77	Orszula, Mark	T	6'7"	302	Jr.	Lisle, IL
16	Padia, Kyle	QB	6'3"	211	Jr.	San Jose, CA
1	Perry, Keith	WR	6'3"	221	Jr.	Maywood, IL
75	Peterson, Brian	NT	6'1"	279	So.	Round Lake, IL
29	Pugh, Jeremy	TB	6'0"	199	Fr.	Black River Falls, WI
88	Pugh, Turner	WR	6'1"	184	Jr.	Elgin, IL
80	Raleigh, Pat	TE	6'4"	226	Fr.	Evergreen Park, IL
55	Reynolds, Vinson	DE	6'1"	229	Jr.	Detroit, MI
34	Scaramella, Mike	FB	5'11"	220	Jr.	Hawthorn Woods, IL
64	Schroeder, Shaun	G	6'2"	288	Jr.	Des Moines, IA
5	Sheldon, Dan	WR	5'9"	163	So.	Elgin, IL
69	Sleight, Graham	G	6'3"	310	Jr.	Kirkwood, MO
44	Smith, Deon	CB	5'8"	167	Fr.	University Park, IL
48	Smith, Ray	FS	6'2"	174	Fr.	Schererville, IN
42	Spacucello, Mike	FS	5'11"	195	Sr.	Chicago, IL
12	Stamm, Joe	QB	6'1"	185	Fr.	Metamora, IL
50	Strothman, Kursten	LB	6'2"	215	So.	Rochelle, IL
15	Taylor, Gerard	CB	5'8"	183	Jr.	Hollywood, FL
52	Tenerelli, Mike	LB	5'11"	196	Fr.	Glen Ellyn, IL
17	Thompson, Vince	CB	5'10"	178	Sr.	Chicago, IL
32	Turner, Michael	TB	5'10"	217	Jr.	North Chicago, IL
65	Van Acker, Brian	G	6'3"	266	Fr.	Crystal Lake, IL
66	VerStraete, Jake	T	6'6"	276	So.	Atkinson, IL
73	Vincent, Tim	T	6'6"	289	Sr.	Galena, IL
20	Wallace, Robert	TB	5'8"	201	So.	Chicago, IL
26	Williams, Larry	LB	6'0"	231	Sr.	Chicago, IL
31	Woods, Kevin	TB	5'8"	185	Fr.	Farmington Hills, MI

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	1	Keith Perry (Jr.)	81	Mike Archie (Jr.)
FL	**82**	**P.J. Fleck (Sr.)**	5	Dan Sheldon (So.)
LT	**73**	**Tim Vincent (Sr.)**	76	Shea Fitzgerald (Fr.)
LG	69	Graham Sleight (Jr.)	79	Ben Lueck (So.)
C	**63**	**Todd Ghilani (Jr.)**	72	Andrew DuFrenne (Fr.)
RG	71	Matt McGhghy (So.)	**64**	**Shaun Schroeder (Jr.)**
RT	66	Jake VerStraete (So.)	**77**	**Mark Orszula (Jr.)**
TE	**86**	**Matt Dunker (Sr.)**	87	Aaron Anderson (So.)
QB	10	Josh Haldi (So.)	16	Kyle Padia (Jr.)
FB	33	James Johnson (Sr.)	34	Mike Scaramella (Jr.)
TB	**28**	**Thomas Hammock (Sr.)**	32	Michael Turner (Jr.)

Defense (9)

DE	**56**	**Travis Moore (So.)**	25	Curtis Crossley (So.)
DT	**51**	**Eric Didesch (Sr.)**	95	Charles Johnson (Fr.)
NT	**94**	**Anthony Falbo (Sr.)**	93	Jason Banks (Sr.)
DE	99	Jason Frank (Jr.)	55	Vinson Reynolds (Jr.)
SLB	38	Brian Atkinson (So.)	22	Jason Hawkins (So.)
MLB	**45**	**Nick Duffy (Jr.)**	50	Kursten Strothman (So.)
WLB	**26**	**Larry Williams (Sr.)**	47	Javan Lee (Fr.)
CB	**18**	**Randee Drew (Jr.)**	27	Rob Lee (So.)
CB	**17**	**Vince Thompson (Sr.)**	15	Gerard Taylor (Jr.)
SS	**21**	**Akil Grant (Jr.)**	37	Justin Dole (Sr.)
FS	**9**	**Lionel Hickenbottom (Jr.)**	23	Devron Francis (So.)

Special Teams

K	13	Steve Azar (Jr.)
P	4	Jimmy Erwin (Sr.)
KR	32	Michael Turner (Jr.)
PR	82	P.J. Fleck (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Josh Haldi, 4-7-60-0, 0 TDs
Rushing: Thomas Hammock, 248 car., 1,096 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: P.J. Fleck, 59 rec., 732 yds., 5 TDs
Scoring: Steve Azar, 20 FGs, 26 XPs, 86 points
Punting: Jimmy Erwin, 54 punts, 41.5 avg.
Kicking: Steve Azar, 20-26 FGs, 26-27 XPs, 86 pts.
Tackles: Nick Duffy, 125, 92 solo
Tackles for loss: Nick Duffy, 11 for 44 yds.,
Sacks: Nick Duffy, 4
Interceptions: Vince Thompson, 5 for 79 yds.
Kickoff returns: Randee Drew, 14 ret., 20.1 avg.
Punt returns: P.J. Fleck, 26 ret., 9.6 avg.

2001 Results

A. 30	South Florida	W	20–17
S. 8	at Illinois	L	12–17
S. 22	Sam Houston St.	W	41–16
S. 29	at Toledo	L	20–41
O. 6	Marshall	L	15–37
O. 13	at Kent State	L	34–44
O. 20	Western Michigan	W	20–12
O. 27	at Central Mich.	W	33–24
N. 3	Eastern Michigan	W	40–17
N. 17	Ball State	W	33–29
N. 24	at Wake Forest	L	35–38

2002 Signees

Jarret Carter — WR, 6'3", 185, Florissant, MO
Earned second-team all-area and first-team all-district honors from the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Caught 32 passes for 520 yards and six TDs as a senior.

Adrian Davis — TB, 5'8", 195, Kenosha, WI
Ranked the No. 12 prospect in Wisconsin by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Broke single season state record last season with 3,422 yards rushing.

Doug Free — OT, 6'5", 260, Manitowoc, WI
Ranked the No. 9 prospect in the state by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Recorded 64 tackles and eight sacks.

Ryan Gilbert — QB, 6'4", 190, El Segundo, CA
Completed 115-of-200 passes for 1,750 yards and 15 TDs as a sophomore at El Camino (CA) CC.

Adriel Hansbro — CB, 5'9", 170, Madison, WI
Ranked the No. 13 prospect in the state by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Caught 29 passes for 459 yards and led Edgewood HS in tackles.

Alvah Hansbro — CB, 5'9", 170, Madison, WI
Tallied 1,070 all-purpose yards and scored 10 TDs as a senior. Earned first-team all-city honors in 2001.

A.J. Harris — TB, 6'2", 190, Wheaton, IL
Rushed for 960 yards and 14 TDs as a senior. Rated as the No. 67 RB in the country by *Rivals100.com*.

Phil Horvath — QB, 6'3", 185, Naperville, IL
Set a single-season school record with 2,438 yards passing at perennial powerhouse Central HS. Earned second-team all-state honors from the *Chicago Tribune*.

Travis House — WR, 6'3", 190, Houston, TX
Caught 15 passes for 430 yards as a sophomore at Tyler (TX) JC.

Jasen McDonald — DT, 6'5", 270, Chicago, IL
Earned first-team All-Catholic Metro Red Conference honors at both OT and DT.

Mychael McKay — DT, 6'3", 275, Milwaukee, WI
Rated as the No. 20 college prospect in the state by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. A first-team All-Richardson Division selection on both sides of the ball.

Andre Morris — CB, 5'9", 170, Chicago, IL
Rushed for 3,125 yards in final two seasons and recorded 256 tackles and 19 INTs over four-year career.

Jake Nordin — TE, 6'4", 230, Lake Lillian, MN
Recorded 318 tackles and caught 58 passes for 752 yards during prep career. A first-team All-212 Conference selection.

Eric Pittman — DT, 6'2", 270, Milwaukee, WI
Listed as the No. 17 college prospect in the state by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Played OG, OT, and DT during prep career.

Shatone Powers — WR, 6'0", 180, Broadview, IL
Set a state single-season record with 117 catches as a senior.

Dustin Utschig — DB, 5'10", 185, Winneconne, WI
Rushed for 4,792 yards and scored 74 TDs during prep career. Received second-team all-state honors from *The Associated Press*.

Noah Washington — OG, 6'3", 300, LaGrange, IL
Earned NJCAA All-America honors at College of DuPage (IL).

Ken West — LB, 6'2", 235, Calumet City, IL
Rushed for 1,110 yards and 17 TDs and recorded 98 tackles and four sacks as a senior.

Garrett Wolfe — TB, 5'9", 190, Chicago, IL
Rushed for 2,041 yards and 24 TDs as a senior. Earned *PrepStar* All-America honors in 2000.

MAC West Prediction: 3rd
National Forecast: #76

Tom Amstutz enjoyed a storybook year in 2001, his first season as the head coach at his alma mater. The former Toledo offensive lineman guided the Rockets to the Mid-American Conference title and a win over Cincinnati in the Motor City Bowl. Toledo compiled a 10–2 record — its second consecutive 10-win season — and finished the year ranked in both major polls.

Now comes the daunting task of replacing 11 starters including the entire defensive line, a two-time all-conference starting quarterback, and Chester Taylor, the school's all-time leading rusher and a third-team All-American. "I enjoyed last season for about one day and then it was back to basics since we had a great task ahead of us," says Amstutz.

quarterbacks

The Tavares Bolden era is finally over. Now, Amstutz must find someone to replace one of the all-time Toledo greats. Senior Brian Jones, who started one game last year, emerged from spring ahead of redshirt freshman Bruce Gradkowski and and highly regarded junior college transfer Cedric Stevens.

running backs

Toledo will be without Taylor, the MAC's No. 2 all-time leading rusher, and his talented back-up, Antwon McCray. "Obviously you don't replace those guys," says Amstutz, "but we have a lot of returning talent to utilize in our offense."

William Bratton will likely be the No. 1 tailback if he is awarded a sixth-year of eligibility by the NCAA. Bratton played in just one game last fall and has battled various ailments throughout his Toledo career. Webster Jackson will play a prominent role in the Rockets' backfield, either as a starter or Bratton's backup. He averaged four yards per carry last year in limited use but showed signs of promise when he ran for 53 yards on 10 carries against Central Michigan.



Toledo SID

Nick Kaczur

receivers

Toledo returns its top three wideouts in Carl Ford, the team's best playmaker, Dontá Greene, UT's leader in receptions, and Manny Johnson, the fastest member of the receiving corps. This group lacks star power, but collectively they are quite effective; the Rockets finished fourth in passing yardage a year ago.

offensive linemen



The strength of the Rocket offense this year will be the offensive line. Nick Kaczur returns after earning second-team All-MAC honors as a freshman. Two other starters — Chris Tuminello and Tim Dirksen — are back, along with four key reserves.

23-3 Toledo's has a 23–3 record in its last 26 games. The Rockets won their final three games in 1999, recorded a 10–1 campaign in '00 and followed that up with a 10–2 record in '01.

defensive linemen

No area of this team took a bigger hit from graduation than the defensive line. The Rockets lost all four starters and seven letter-winners overall. Powerful Chaz Williams returns and will be asked to take on a larger role at tackle. Didier Ormejuste, a native of Quebec, had an outstanding spring and will start next to Williams. Toledo has some quality players returning at the end position: Don Gaines, Frank Ofili and Phil Alexander. Ofili was outstanding in 2000 but slumped last year.

linebackers



Toledo is loaded with playmakers at the inside linebacker position. Tom Ward is tackling machine who finished second in the MAC last fall with 129 stops. His sidekick is David Gardner, a 6'2", 231-pounder who was second on the team with 106 tackles in 2001. UT has two quality players returning at OLB, which is a premium position in their 4–4 attack defensive alignment. Patrick Body and Paul Dye are gifted athletes who can stop the run and play the pass.

defensive backs

Toledo's pass defense finished eighth in the MAC last year (216 yards per game), and at times the defensive backs looked shaky. Cornerbacks Jehu Anderson and Brandon Heflin hope to return to their 2000 form, especially in one-on-one coverage. Demetris Simms, a reserve in 2001, takes over at free safety this fall. Keon Jackson and true freshman Jamar Landrum will also press for playing time.

specialists

Brandon Hannum returns as the punter after averaging 40.9 yard per kick last year. Jason Robbins takes over the placekicking duties from record-setting Todd France.

Greene averaged 21.0 yards per kickoff return and a MAC-leading 12.4 yards per punt return.

2002 Toledo Roster

2001 Record: 10–2
MAC Record: 5–2
Head Coach Tom Amstutz

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
28	Abron, Anthony	LB	6'2"	220	Jr.	Warren, OH
98	Alexander, Philip	DL	6'3"	230	So.	Chicago Hghts., IL
24	Anderson, Jehu	CB	6'1"	186	Sr.	Oberlin, OH
29	Averhart, Tim	FS	5'10"	175	Jr.	Youngstown, OH
12	Barrow, David	QB	6'2"	200	Jr.	Toledo, OH
38	Bockmore, Paul	ROV	6'0"	195	So.	Strongsville, OH
11	Body, Patrick	DB	6'2"	180	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
21	Bratton, William	TB	5'8"	225	Sr.	Lima, OH
87	Brinson, Shannon	WR	5'11"	170	Fr.	Rochester, NY
49	Burdine, Qunnen	LB	6'1"	215	So.	Edmond, OK
64	Burtscher, Chris	OL	5'11"	271	So.	Toledo, OH
94	Cameron, R.J.	DL	6'4"	294	So.	Portsmouth, OH
4	Carter, Brandon	DB	5'9"	170	Jr.	Toledo, OH
89	Clarke, Andrew	TE	6'4"	240	So.	Naperville, IL
32	Cuomo, Adam	TB	5'9"	195	Jr.	Hamilton, ON
38	Dawson, Trinity	TB	5'10"	180	Fr.	Tulsa, OK
72	Dirksen, Tim	OL	6'4"	285	Jr.	Maria Stein, OH
42	Dodrill, Brock	LB	6'1"	202	So.	Defiance, OH
1	Dye, Paul	ROV	6'2"	206	Jr.	Muskegon, MI
74	Faasen, Erik	OL	6'8"	335	Jr.	Belding, MI
17	Finnerty, Cullen	QB	6'2"	193	Fr.	Brighton, MI
19	Flowers, Jason	ROV	6'0"	170	Fr.	Centerville, OH
2	Ford, Carl	WR	6'1"	170	Sr.	Monroe, MI
6	Frazier, Keon	QB	6'1"	190	Jr.	East Chicago, IN
43	Gaines, Don	DL	6'3"	226	So.	Edmond, OK
35	Gamble, Raymond	DB	5'8"	158	Fr.	Texas City, TX
57	Gardner, David	LB	6'2"	231	Sr.	Ellwood City, PA
53	Genord, Scott	LB	6'2"	230	Jr.	Livonia, MI
7	Gradkowski, Bruce	QB	6'2"	190	Fr.	Pittsburgh, PA
26	Greene, Dontá	WR	5'7"	180	Sr.	Springfield, OH
85	Grothous, Greg	TE	6'6"	240	Sr.	Delphos, OH
41	Hannum, Brandon	P	6'3"	222	Jr.	Westerville, OH
12	Hefflin, Brandon	CB	6'1"	170	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA
62	Heuer, Michael	C	6'2"	278	So.	Macedonia, OH
81	Holmes, Chris	TE	6'5"	259	So.	Chicago, IL
9	Hudson, Terrance	WR	6'1"	180	So.	Cleveland, OH
53	Iszler, Andrew	OL	6'0"	284	So.	Grand Ledge, MI
6	Jackson, Keon	DB	6'0"	190	Fr.	East Chicago, IN
13	Jackson, Webster	TB	5'10"	200	So.	Toledo, OH
67	Jarbou, Wael	OL	6'5"	285	So.	Detroit, MI
8	Jarrett, Olanzo	FS	6'2"	200	Sr.	Toronto, ON
47	Jobes, Jeff	LB	5'11"	228	Jr.	Lexington, OH
3	Johnson, Manny	WR	5'7"	155	Sr.	River Rouge, MI
10	Jones, Brian	QB	6'2"	215	Sr.	Chico, CA
82	Jones, Nate	TE	6'5"	254	Jr.	Elkhart, IN
68	Kaczur, Nick	OL	6'6"	300	So.	Brantford, ON
91	Kiesch, Zach	DL	6'5"	240	Fr.	Delano, MN
37	King, Brian	DL	6'3"	210	Sr.	Berea, OH
27	Langston, Brandon	WR	5'9"	165	Fr.	Northville, MI
25	Macon, Kamal	TB	5'7"	180	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
22	Mentlow, David	WR	5'9"	170	Jr.	Kent, OH
15	Mickelson, Chad	WR	6'1"	185	Jr.	Redmond, UT
14	Moore, Lance	WR	5'10"	175	So.	Westerville, OH
51	Odenthal, David	OL	6'2"	292	Jr.	Cologne, Germany
99	Ofili, Frank	DL	6'3"	240	Jr.	Ypsilanti, MI
44	Ormejuste, Didier	DL	6'4"	245	Jr.	Anjou, PQ
10	Pearson, Hannibal	DB	6'2"	185	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
61	Polczak, Jon	OL	6'2"	290	Fr.	Rockford, MI
54	Quiroga, Bret	DL	6'2"	225	Fr.	Toledo, OH
65	Randolph, Darric	OL	6'3"	272	Jr.	Benton Harbor, MI
34	Reese, Corterris	WR	6'2"	175	So.	Louisville, KY
31	Robbins, Jason	K	5'10"	180	Fr.	Sylvania, OH
78	Sacco, Mike	OL	6'7"	280	So.	Sewickley, PA
86	Scott, Delano	WR	5'9"	175	Sr.	Sacramento, CA
20	Simms, Demetris	FS	6'2"	196	Sr.	Fremont, OH
23	Simms, Jose	Whip	5'11"	191	Jr.	Fremont, OH
25	Stanley, James	CB	6'1"	185	Sr.	Jackson, MI
5	Stevens, Cedric	QB	6'4"	217	So.	Syracuse, NY
79	Swartz, Noah	OL	6'5"	302	Sr.	Canton, MI
60	Tuminello, Chris	C	6'3"	282	Sr.	Boardman, OH
46	Turner, Ray	LB	6'0"	205	Jr.	Clairton, PA
80	Ulrich, Daniel	WR	6'0"	180	Fr.	Covina, CA
71	Vierk, Steve	OL	6'6"	300	Fr.	Sylvania, OH
76	Wakeman, Chris	OL	6'5"	250	Fr.	Sault Ste. Marie, MI
30	Ward, Tom	LB	6'1"	236	Sr.	Defiance, OH
95	Williams, Chaz	DL	6'3"	287	Jr.	Muskegon, MI
35	Williams, Chris	WR	6'0"	192	Sr.	Twinsburg, OH
84	Yanok, Joe	TE	6'1"	205	So.	Steubenville, OH

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	**2**	**Carl Ford (Sr.)**	14 Lance Moore (So.)
WR	**26**	**Dontá Greene (Sr.)**	27 Brandon Langston (Fr.)
WR	**3**	**Manny Johnson (Sr.)**	14 Lance Moore (So.)
LT	**68**	**Nick Kaczur (So.)**	67 Wael Jarbou (So.)
LG	65	Darric Randolph (Jr.)	51 David Odenthal (Jr.)
C	**60**	**Chris Tuminello (Sr.)**	76 Chris Wakeman (Fr.)
RG	79	Noah Swartz (Sr.)	53 Andrew Iszler (So.)
RT	**72**	**Tim Dirksen (Jr.)**	74 Erik Faasen (Jr.)
TE	**81**	**Chris Holmes (So.)**	89 Andrew Clarke (So.)
QB	10	Brian Jones (Sr.)	7 Bruce Gradkowski (Fr.)
TB	21	William Bratton (Sr.)	13 Webster Jackson (So.)

Defense (4)

DE	98	Philip Alexander (So.)	99 Frank Ofili (Jr.)
DT	95	Chaz Williams (Jr.)	91 Zach Kiesch (Fr.)
DT	44	Didier Ormejuste (Jr.)	94 R.J. Cameron (So.)
DE	43	Don Gaines (So.)	37 Brian King (Sr.)
ILB	**30**	**Tom Ward (Sr.)**	53 Scott Genord (Jr.)
ILB	**57**	**David Gardner (Sr.)**	42 Brock Dodrill (So.)
Rov	1	Paul Dye (Jr.)	38 Paul Bockmore (So.)
Whip	11	Patrick Body (So.)	10 Hannibal Pearson (Fr.)
FS	20	Demetris Simms (Sr.)	6 Keon Jackson (Fr.)
CB	**24**	**Jehu Anderson (Sr.)**	35 Raymond Gamble (Fr.)
CB	**12**	**Brandon Hefflin (Jr.)**	4 Brandon Carter (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	31	Jason Robbins (Fr.)
P	41	Brandon Hannum (Jr.)
KR	26	Dontá Greene (Sr.)
PR	26	Dontá Greene (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Brian Jones, 17-33-193-3, 3 TDs
Rushing: Webster Jackson, 26 car., 104 yds., 0 TDs
Receiving: Dontá Greene, 62 rec., 630 yds., 0 TDs
Scoring: Carl Ford, 6 TDs, 36 points
Punting: Brandon Hannum, 48 punts, 40.9 avg.
Kicking: none
Tackles: Tom Ward, 129, 76 solo
Tackles for loss: David Gardner, 9 for 34 yds.
Sacks: Tom Ward, 5
Interceptions: Brandon Hefflin, 2 for 0 yds.
Kickoff returns: Dontá Greene, 21 ret., 21.0 avg.
Punt returns: Dontá Greene, 20 ret., 12.4 avg.

2002 Results

A. 30	Minnesota	W	38– 7
S. 8	at Temple	W	33– 7
S. 22	at Central Michigan	W	52–28
S. 29	Northern Illinois	W	41–20
O. 6	at Ohio	W	48–41
O. 20	at Ball State	L	20–24
O. 27	Navy	W	21–20
N. 6	Western Michigan	W	41–35
N. 17	Eastern Michigan	W	28– 7
N. 23	at Bowling Green	L	21–56
N. 30	Marshall*	W	41–36
D. 29	Cincinnati#	W	23–16

*MAC Championship Game
#Motor City Bowl

2002 Signees

NAME — **POS.** — **HT.** — **WT.** — **HOMETOWN**

Muhammad Abdullah DL 6'6" 250 **Detroit, MI**
Earned second-team all-city honors as a senior.

Hassan Adebesin OL 6'2" 275 **Shaker Heights, OH**
Recorded 63 tackles (23 for a loss) in 2001. Earned first-team All-Lake Erie League as a senior.

Jerry Aguwa OL 6'5" 270 **Birmingham, MI**
Ranked No. 36 on the *Detroit Free Press* Fab 50.

Quinton Broussard RB 5'9" 180 **Carrollton, TX**
Led Class 5A with 2,124 yards rushing. Listed among the Top 100 CBs in the country by *Rivals100.com*.

Dontriel Coates DL 6'5" 280 **Anahuac, TX**
Recorded 93 tackles (17 for a loss) and seven sacks as a senior.

Chad Diggs OL 6'4" 285 **Dayton, OH**
Started every game in 2001 at left tackle at Fork Union (VA) Military Academy.

Rodney Gamby ATH 5'10" 186 **Temperance, MI**
Rushed for 2,409 yards and 31 TDs as a senior. Named Ohio Division II Player of the Year in 2001.

Patrick Gray DB 6'5" 185 **Lexington, KY**
Earned third-team all-state honors in 2001. Also named district Player of the Year.

Chris Hardwick DB 6'1" 185 **Oklahoma City, OK**
Named first-team all-city in 2001. Rushed for 607 yards and five TDs as a senior.

Kenley Horton QB 6'2" 180 **Riverdale, GA**
Dual-threat QB who threw for 1,200 yards and 12 TDs and rushed for 500 yards and three TDs.

Oral Hylton LB 6'0" 210 **Detroit, MI**
Ranked No. 38 on the *Detroit Free Press* Fab 50.

Perry Ivery WR 6'0" 180 **Fort Cherry, PA**
Caught 53 passes for 864 yards and seven TDs as a senior. Earned first-team Class AA-A All-State honors.

Lantz Jeudy DL 6'2" 285 **Irvington, NY**
Rated as one of the Top 20 JC DEs in the nation by *JCFootball.com*. Played at Morrisville (NY) CC.

Anthony Jordan LB 6'3" 220 **Whitehall, OH**
Named second-team Division III All-Ohio as a senior.

Zach Kiesch DL 6'5" 240 **Delano, MN**
Played at the Naval Academy (MD) Prep School in 2001.

Jamar Landrum DB 6'2" 200 **Pontiac, MI**
Ranked No. 12 on the *Detroit Free Press* Fab 50. Recorded 62 tackles and six INTs as a senior.

Antonio Malone DB 6'1" 180 **Portsmouth, OH**
Rated the No. 19 prospect in the state by *Ohio's Future Stars*. Earned *PrepStar* All-America honors.

Astin Martin TB 5'8" 180 **Grand Rapids, MI**
Earned honorable mention All-America honors by *PrepStar*. Rushed for 1,676 yards as senior.

Chad Mickelson WR 6'1" 185 **Redmond, UT**
Caught 67 passes for 972 yards and nine TDs as a sophomore at Snow (UT) CC.

Steve Odom WR 5'10" 175 **Westerville, OH**
Earned first-team all-conference and second-team all-district honors as a senior.

Raquan Pride DB 6'1" 190 **Syracuse, NY**
Named first-team Class AA All-State and first-team All-Central New York.

Cedric Stevens QB 6'4" 217 **Syracuse, NY**
Threw for 1,266 yards and 14 TDs in leading Butler County (KS) CC to the Kansas JC Championship.

Seth Thitoff LB 6'2" 200 **Delphos, OH**
Rated the No. 18 RB in the state by *Ohio Preps*. Will likely make the switch to LB in college.

Jerome Walker DL 6'6" 250 **Avon, OH**
Earned first-team all-district honors and named district Defensive Player of the Year as a senior.

Deion Washington ATH 6'1" 195 **Detroit, MI**
Caught 31 passes for 889 yards as a senior. Named second-team all-city as both a junior and senior.

Frederick Wilson WR 6'4" 190 **College Park, GA**
Caught 30 passes for 400 yards and five TDs as a prep teammate of fellow recruit Kenley Horton.

UCF Golden Knights

MAC East Prediction: 2nd
National Forecast: #62

The UCF Golden Knights finally have the conference home they have always wanted after six seasons as a I-A independent. Coach Mike Kruczek's program carries hopes of upsetting Marshall to win the Mid-American Conference's East Division, bringing the MAC Championship Game to Orlando and earning the school's first bowl bid. But UCF (6–5 a year ago) must overcome a trend of inconsistency and a history of letting big fish get away.

quarterbacks

Third-year starter Ryan Schneider (5,257 yards, 38 TDs in his career) is on track to break most of Daunte Culpepper's school passing records, and UCF's challenge is to make him consistent and keep him upright. Although he's just as tough as his buzz-cut hair suggests, Schneider has difficulty getting away from trouble and has taken more than his share of hard hits in two seasons. Pinpoint accuracy against Clemson and Tulane was overshadowed by struggles at Virginia Tech and Syracuse in 2001. Losing 15 pounds helped Schneider's quickness, but it didn't do anything for UCF's depth. Jon Rivera and Brandon Sumner are the backups, and neither has thrown a pass in college.

running backs

The quick development of tailback Alex Haynes fuels UCF's belief that it can be less one-dimensional that in years past, but such optimism comes with a caveat: The Knights have no proven backup. Haynes sat out two games in 2001 with a hip pointer, meaning Keith Williams and Dontavius Wilcox could play key roles.

receivers

There's never a shortage of receivers at UCF. Jimmy Fryzel and Doug Gabriel give UCF a solid possession receiver and a game-breaker, respectively. An assortment of younger, smallish receivers, headed by Tavaris Capers and Luther Huggins, can be dangerous in an offense that averaged 37 attempts and 308 yards passing in 2001.

This year brings a bonus in tight ends Mario Jackson and Michael Gaines. Jackson is a solid blocker; Gaines already has NFL scouts talking.



Central Florida SID

Doug Gabriel

offensive linemen

Never has UCF had so many quality blockers. January additions of junior college recruits David Ashkinaz and Alex Mendez, plus the development of Garrett McCray, could make the 2002 unit the school's best line yet. Ashkinaz will start at guard, Mendez possibly at tackle, joining Mike Mabry (center), Taylor Robertson (guard) and Brian Huff (tackle).

19.3 Points per game UCF gave up the past two seasons, the best two-year run at UCF since 1989-90.

defensive linemen

UCF should not need the smoke and mirrors it has used in the past. The Knights stole impact recruits from Florida and Alabama, respectively, in junior college transfers Roy Williams and DeMarcus Johnson. The former Southwest Mississippi Community College suitemates will give new defensive coordinator Bill D'Ottavio a fast, athletic front. It should be able to stop the run and apply pressure to the quarterback without the large amount of blitzing the Knights have done in the past. Ends Elton Patterson, Rashad Jeanty (four sack) and Williams, plus nosetackle Larry Brown and tackles Mike Lynche and Johnson will form an outstanding front line.

linebackers

This won't be the most seasoned group, but they're fast and will be a key to UCF's attacking, multi-blitz package. Former Florida State recruit Chad Mascoe, another transfer from Southwest Mississippi CC, should make a seamless transition to middle linebacker and figures to be the primary playmaker. Part-time starter Antoine Poe returns at weak-side linebacker, and Gerren Bray and Chris Pilinko should anchor the strong side. By year's end, Savarris Brown might make plays at all three spots.

defensive backs

Former NFL assistant John Fontes was brought in to teach three new starters how to cover. The question is whether returning starting corner Asante Samuel and his smallish corps can withstand opposing quarterbacks like Marshall's Byron Leftwich and Miami's Ben Roethlisberger while standing up to the pounding other MAC teams can deliver with the ground game. The man to watch is hard-hitting strong safety Atari Bigby.

specialists

UCF will miss kicker/punter Javier Beorlegui, a four-year starter, but walk-on senior Ryan Flinn has the leg to be a better punter. The Knights have real questions at kicker, where competition will continue through two-a-days among Ryan Feely, Kevin Beorlegui, Robert Campbell and freshman Matt Prater.

2002 UCF Roster

2001 Record: 6–5 | **Head Coach Mike Kruczek**

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
	Abrams, Russ	K	6'0"	190	So.	Lake Mary, FL
	Anderson, Devon	TB	5'10"	175	Fr.	Miami, FL
94	Andrews, Thomas	DT	6'4"	285	Sr.	Midway, GA
	Ashkinaz, David	G	6'4"	310	Jr.	Oak Grove, CA
	Bekhor, Lidan	TE	6'1"	265	Fr.	Tampa, FL
	Beorlegui, Kevin	K	6'1"	185	Jr.	Merritt Island, FL
48	Bernard, Lemec	LB	6'0"	190	Fr.	Fort Myers, FL
38	Bigby, Atari	SS	5'11"	195	So.	Miami, FL
91	Bolar, Brent	DE	6'3"	265	Jr.	Daphne, AL
22	Bray, Gerren	LB	6'0"	215	So.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
63	Brewin, Bobby	LS	6'3"	260	Sr.	Lake City, FL
31	Brown, Dee	FB	5'11"	235	So.	Brooksville, FL
92	Brown, Larry	DT	6'2"	290	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
41	Brown, Savarris	LB	6'0"	220	So.	Fort Myers, FL
56	Butcher, Adam	C	6'3"	285	Fr.	St. Petersburg, FL
	Campbell, Robert	K	6'1"	205	So.	Vero Beach, FL
7	Capers, Tavaris	WR	5'9"	165	So.	Miami, FL
51	Carrington, Paul	DE	6'6"	235	Fr.	Springfield, GA
88	Clemons, Marcus	DE	6'5"	270	So.	Titusville, FL
30	Cody, James	SS	6'1"	210	Jr.	Naples, FL
80	Cook, James	LB	6'4"	210	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL
	Coram, Chris	LS	6'1"	225	Fr.	Panama City, FL
	Dolan, Sean	TE	6'5"	235	Fr.	Ocala, FL
45	Fagan, Damani	FS	6'1"	185	So.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
60	Feely, Ryan	K	5'9"	170	Fr.	Odessa, FL
26	Flinn, Ryan	P	6'5"	210	Sr.	Lehigh Acres, FL
16	Fryzel, Jimmy	WR	6'0"	195	Sr.	Lakeland, FL
11	Gabriel, Doug	WR	6'2"	205	Sr.	Orlando, FL
82	Gaines, Michael	TE	6'3"	265	Jr.	Tallahassee, FL
10	Gaskins, Ivery	WR	6'1"	205	Sr.	W. Palm Beach, FL
34	Gaudion, Sean	FB	6'2"	240	Sr.	Hillsborough, FL
86	Glover, Marcus	CB	5'11"	170	So.	Ocala, FL
	Green, Reggie	TB	5'9"	210	So.	Tavares, FL
33	Hamilton, Rovel	CB	6'0"	185	So.	Melbourne, FL
	Hampton, Travis	TB	5'11"	195	So.	Miami, FL
76	Harper, Jeff	T	6'9"	305	Fr.	Palm Bay, FL
	Harris, Charles	DE	6'3"	250	Jr.	Sarasota, FL
4	Haynes, Alex	TB	5'11"	220	So.	Orlando, FL
75	Heagle, Rico	DT	6'3"	245	So.	Gainesville, FL
	Holland, Patrick	QB	6'2"	185	Jr.	Miami, FL
23	Hopkins Jr., Alphonzo	SS	5'11"	175	So.	Cairo, GA
73	Huff, Brian	T	6'7"	290	Sr.	Coral Springs, FL
5	Huggins, Luther	WR	5'11"	175	So.	Miami, FL
83	Jackson, Mario	TE	6'3"	250	Sr.	Palatka, FL
90	Jeanty, Rashad	DE	6'3"	230	So.	Miami, FL
84	Johnson, Darcy	WR	6'6"	220	Fr.	Palatka, FL
	Johnson, DeMarcus	DT	6'4"	295	Jr.	Tallahassee, FL
43	Johnson, Rashard	CB	6'0"	175	So.	Miami, FL
	Kent, Mike	FS	6'2"	195	Fr.	Orlando, FL
42	Laurence, Omar	CB	5'11"	175	Fr.	Largo, FL
	LeBrun, Ricky	FB	5'10"	220	Jr.	Miami, FL
62	Lewis, Norman	G	6'3"	285	So.	Port Charlotte, FL
80	Lundy, Matt	TE	6'5"	230	So.	Orlando, FL
50	Lynche, Mike	DT	6'0"	260	So.	St. Petersburg, FL
65	Mabry, Mike	C	6'2"	285	Sr.	Dayton, TX
	Mascoe, Chad	LB	6'2"	250	Jr.	Kissimmee, FL
78	McCray, Garrett	G	6'4"	315	Sr.	Mayo, FL
25	McGriff, Britt	WR	5'10"	175	Sr.	Gainesville, FL
99	McKibben, Jake	DT	6'1"	290	Sr.	Wauchula, FL
64	Mendez, Alex	T	6'6"	320	Jr.	Selma, CA
14	Miller, Brian	TE	6'5"	240	Jr.	Johnson City, TN
69	Morgan, Johnovan	OL	6'4"	275	Jr.	Miami, FL
77	Muse, Travis	OL	6'6"	320	So.	Arcadia, FL
98	Nelson, Frisner	DT	6'2"	310	Fr.	Fort Myers, FL
97	Patterson, Elton	DE	6'2"	275	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
55	Perkins, Dwight	DE	6'1"	230	Jr.	Sunrise, FL
81	Peterson, Al	WR	6'2"	195	Fr.	Alachua, FL
52	Pilinko, Chris	LB	6'1"	225	Sr.	St. Augustine, FL
	Pluhacek, Chris	TE	6'1"	220	So.	Jacksonville, FL
6	Poe, Antoine	LB	6'0"	220	Jr.	Lakeland, FL
59	Reeves, Max	LS	6'2"	230	So.	Dunnellon, FL
79	Rhody, Will	K/P	6'2"	200	So.	Jupiter, FL
56	Rhule, Stanford	LB	5'11"	230	So.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
13	Rivera, Jon	QB	6'3"	195	So.	Perth Amboy, NJ
70	Robertson, Taylor	G	6'6"	320	Sr.	Kingston, ON
61	Rosinski, Nick	DT	6'2"	260	Sr.	Plantation, FL
85	Saint-Preux, Freddy	T	6'5"	290	Fr.	Brooklyn, NY
28	Samuel, Asante	CB	5'11"	190	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
49	Sands, Peter	FS	6'2"	190	So.	Titusville, FL
17	Schneider, Ryan	QB	6'2"	220	Jr.	Plantation, FL
	Spillers, Paul	LB	5'10"	260	Fr.	Melbourne, FL
15	Sumner, Brandon	QB	6'4"	210	So.	Daytona Beach, FL
89	Taylor, Josh	WR	6'0"	170	Sr.	Patterson, GA
27	Thompson, Carlos	CB	5'10"	175	Sr.	McComb, MS
	Waters, Art	LB	6'0"	205	So.	Gainesville, FL
57	Waters, Craig	DE	6'5"	200	Fr.	Titusville, FL
	Watkins, Kyle	T	6'8"	340	Jr.	Keller, TX
24	Williams, Keith	TB	5'10"	190	Fr.	Plant City, FL
	Williams, Roy	DE	6'2"	275	Jr.	DeLand, FL
45	Williford, Dee	LB	6'1"	215	Fr.	Auburndale, FL
	Willis, Anthony	FS	5'11"	180	Fr.	Winter Garden, FL

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR	**16**	**Jimmy Fryzel (Sr.)**	5 Luther Huggins (So.)
WR	11	Doug Gabriel (Sr.)	7 Tavaris Capers (So.)
TE	**83**	**Mario Jackson (Sr.)**	82 Michael Gaines (Jr.)
RT	64	Alex Mendez (Jr.)	76 Jeff Harper (Fr.)
RG	**70**	**Taylor Robertson (Sr.)**	78 Garrett McCray (Sr.)
C	**65**	**Mike Mabry (Sr.)**	56 Adam Butcher (Fr.)
LG		David Ashkinaz (Jr.)	77 Travis Muse (So.)
LT	**73**	**Brian Huff (Sr.)**	69 Johnovan Morgan (Jr.)
QB	**17**	**Ryan Schneider (Jr.)**	13 Jon Rivera (So.)
FB	**34**	**Sean Gaudion (Sr.)**	31 Dee Brown (So.)
TB	**4**	**Alex Haynes (So.)**	24 Keith Williams (Fr.)

Defense (2)

DE	90	Rashad Jeanty (So.)	Roy Williams (Jr.)
DT		DeMarcus Johnson (Jr.)	94 Thomas Andrews (Sr.)
NT	92	Larry Brown (Jr.)	50 Mike Lynche (So.)
DE	**97**	**Elton Patterson (Sr.)**	91 Brent Bolar (Jr.)
SLB	52	Chris Pilinko (Sr.)	22 Gerren Bray (So.)
MLB		Chad Mascoe (Jr.)	41 Savarris Brown (So.)
WLB	6	Antoine Poe (Jr.)	56 Stanford Rhule (So.)
CB	27	Carlos Thompson (Sr.)	33 Rovel Hamilton (So.)
CB	**28**	**Asante Samuel (Sr.)**	43 Rashard Johnson (So.)
SS	38	Atari Bigby (So.)	30 James Cody (Jr.)
FS	49	Peter Sands (So.)	45 Damani Fagan (So.)

Special Teams

K	60	Ryan Feely (Fr.)
P	26	Ryan Flinn (Sr.)
KR	5	Luther Huggins (So.)
PR	28	Asante Samuel (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Ryan Schneider, 204-357-2,923-9, 17 TDs
Rushing: Alex Haynes, 140 car., 690 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Jimmy Fryzel, 39 rec., 664 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: Alex Haynes, 9 TDs, 54 points, Doug Gabriel, 9 TDs, 54 points
Punting: Ryan Flinn, 7 punts, 34.4 avg.
Kicking: none
Tackles: Elton Patterson, 85, 43 solo
Tackles for loss: Elton Patterson, 21 for 90 yds.
Sacks: Elton Patterson, 9
Interceptions: Asante Samuel, 2 for 18 yds.
Kickoff returns: Luther Huggins, 15 ret., 23.1 avg.
Punt returns: Asante Samuel, 19 ret., 8.7 avg.

2002 Results

S. 1	at Clemson	L	13–21
S. 8	at Syracuse	L	10–21
S. 22	at Tulane	W	36–29
S. 29	at Virginia Tech	L	14–46
O. 6	UAB	W	24– 7
O. 13	Liberty	W	63– 0
O. 20	Louisiana-Monroe	W	38– 6
O. 27	at Utah State	L	27–30
N. 3	Akron	W	57–17
N. 10	at Arkansas	L	20–27
N. 24	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	31– 0

2002 Signees

NAME — **POS.** — **HT.** — **WT.** — **HOMETOWN**

David Ashkinaz — OL — 6'4" — 307 — Oak Grove, CA
Earned first-team All-Coast Conference and *JC Gridwire* All-America honors at De Anza (CA) CC.

Chad Breeden — DB — 6'1" — 180 — Mayfield, OH
Rushed for 1,170 yards and 24 TDs and recorded 85 tackles and six INTs as a senior.

Ben Brinson — DE — 6'5" — 270 — Orlando, FL
Signed with UCF in 2000 but did not qualify. Played one season at Southwest Mississippi CC. Has three years of eligibility at UCF.

Cedric Gagne-Marcoux — OL — 6'3" — 280 — Sherbrook, PQ
Rated among the Top 100 OGs in the senior class by *Rivals100.com*. Earned Province Offensive Lineman MVP as a senior.

DeMarcus Johnson — DT — 6'4" — 295 — Tallahassee, FL
Ranked among the Top 100 JC prospects in the nation by *Rivals100.com*. Earned first-team All-Mississippi South honors at Southwest Mississippi CC.

Tywin Kalandyk — LB — 6'2" — 210 — Live Oak, FL
Recorded 175 tackles (nine for a loss) and two sacks as a senior. Ranked as the No. 46 OLB in the country by *Rivals100.com*.

Brandon Marshall — WR — 6'5" — 195 — Winter Park, FL
Named Seminole County Utility Player of the Year as a senior. Ranked No. 43 on Bill Buchalter's Super Florida 100 list.

Chad Mascoe — LB — 6'2" — 250 — Kissimmee, FL
Rated the No. 31 JC prospect in the nation by *Rivals100.com*. Originally signed with Florida St. out of Osceola HS. Played two seasons at Southwest Mississippi CC.

Alex Mendez — OL — 6'6" — 320 — Selma, CA
Originally signed with UCF in 2001 but did not qualify. Spent last season at Reedley (CA) CC.

Larry Peoples — OL — 6'6" — 290 — Jacksonville, FL
Rated among the Top 100 OTs in the country by *Rivals100.com*. A second-team All-First Coast selection as a senior.

Matt Prater — K — 5'11" — 175 — Estero, FL
Earned first-team all-conference, All-Lee County and All-Southwest Florida honors as a senior.

Ronnell Sandy — LB — 6'1" — 210 — Titusville, FL
Listed among the Top 75 OLBs in the country by *Rivals100.com*. Earned all-conference and all-district honors in 2001.

Brennis Smith — TE — 6'5" — 267 — Ebro, FL
Played both TE and DE during a two-year stint at Hinds (MS) CC. Recorded five sacks at the DE position.

Andre Sumpter — WR — 6'0" — 175 — Jacksonville, FL
Named to the 2001-02 All-Jacksonville squad. Played as an option QB during prep career but will move to WR in college.

Seth Ulsh — OL — 6'5" — 290 — Ocala, FL
Earned FACA District Seven (Class 4-A) Player of the Year honors as a senior.

Dan Veenstra — OL — 6'5" — 285 — Largo, FL
Rated one of the Top 50 OGs in the nation by *Rivals100.com*.

Kyle Watkins — OL — 6'8" — 340 — Keller, TX
Helped Tyler (TX) CC finish with the second-best offense in the nation last season. Originally signed with Iowa St.

Chris Welsh — DE — 6'5" — 235 — Cocoa, FL
Rated the No. 62 DE in the country by *Rivals100.com*.

Dontavius Wilcox — RB — 5'11" — 202 — Rockledge, FL
A two-time All-Central Florida honoree. Rushed for 1,298 yards as a senior.

Roy Williams — DE — 6'2" — 275 — DeLand, FL
Rated the No. 29 JC prospect in the country by *Rivals100.com*. Played two seasons at Southwest Mississippi CC.

MAC West Prediction: 5th
National Forecast: #91

Is Western Michigan sliding back to the pack in the MAC or was the 5–6 record last season a minor bump in the road for Gary Darnell and his Bronco football program?

Darnell would like to think the 2001 season was an aberration, but WMU might be forced to take another step back before it returns to the top of the MAC's Western Division standings. Western heads into the upcoming season with questions at quarterback and in the running game, and the 2002 schedule — which features nonconference games with Michigan, Purdue and Virginia Tech — will make it difficult for the Broncos to win more than they lose.

quarterbacks

Jonathan Drach "is our quarterback right now if we had to play a game today," Darnell said during spring practice. Drach played in eight games last fall and averaged 123.5 yards passing per game with seven touchdowns and seven interceptions. Darnell expects talented junior college transfers Chad Munson and Robbie Haas to fight for the starting job in preseason camp.

running backs

Western Michigan struggled running the football last season. The Broncos scored just eight rushing touchdowns and averaged a league-low 99.9 yards per game on the ground. There is talent, though, in Philip Reed and Charles Woods, the top two producers during the 2001 season. Both players are similar in terms of speed and power. The coaching staff is high on redshirt freshmen Trovon Riley and Daniel Marks and expects both to contribute this fall.

receivers

WMU lost its top two receivers to graduation, but there is enough quality and quantity coming back to make this the strength of the Bronco offense. Western returns three wide receivers who caught at least 20 passes last season — Brandon Johnson, Kendrick Mosley, Antonio Thomas — and also boasts the league's top tight end, Mobolaji Afariogun.

The receiving corps will also be bolstered by the addition of Jermaine Lewis, a second-team all-conference defensive back in 2001 who is making the move across the line of scrimmage.



Western Michigan SID

Anthony Allsbury

offensive linemen

Darnell is hoping to find eight linemen who can go at full strength all year and push the offense to be more productive. "Big doesn't mean good at this position," says Darnell. "Linemen must learn our system and be ready to play."

Kevin Kramer, Jake Gasaway and C.R. Moultry are returning lettermen while Kyle Ras, Jon Garcia and Fred McCants are looking to make significant contributions.

86.6 The Broncos, the MAC's worst running team a year ago, were outrushed by 86.6 yards per game in 2001.

defensive linemen



Western Michigan features one of the top defensive lines in the MAC. "You give me two great defensive ends and two good cover corners and I will play anyone," Darnell says. The Broncos have great ends in Anthony Allsbury, a first-team All-MAC pick last year, and Chris Browning.

The interior of the line will be filled by veterans Jason Babin, Ryan Iorillo, Jeff Westgate, Jack Gitler, and talented junior college transfers Jonathan Jones and Andy Endermann.

linebackers

The Broncos return a solid group of linebackers led by Jason Malloy and Brian Lape, an honorable mention All-MAC pick in 2001. Lape forced a MAC-high six fumbles last fall and led the team with 122 tackles. Willie Miller and Erik Oleson are waiting in the wings providing depth.

defensive backs

WMU employs five defensive backs in its 4-2-5 scheme, and Darnell and his staff hit the junior college circuit hard in this area to help replace six defensive backs lost from last year's team. Newcomers Maurice Hart, Willie Pope and Eugene Childs are looking to assist Carlos Smith, Tony Carr, Jason Feldpausch, Sam Reynolds and Stephen Gubernick and keep the Broncos on top as the best defense against the pass in the MAC again.

specialists

Western Michigan finished near the bottom of the league in net punting a year ago. Adam Anderson will be looking to improve his 37.9-yard average. Robert Menchinger was adequate as the Broncos' placekicker (8-for-11 field goals; 0-for-2 beyond 40 yards), but his job will be wide open in preseason camp.

2002 Western Michigan Roster

2001 Record: 5–6
MAC Record 4–4
Head Coach Gary Darnell

NO.	NAME	POS	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
86	Afariogun, Mobolaji	TE	6'4"	238	Sr.	Detroit, MI
37	Allsbury, Anthony	DE	6'2"	253	Sr.	Bronson, MI
53	Alvarez, Joe	DT	6'2"	240	Fr.	Naperville, IL
39	Anderson, Adam	P	6'0"	188	So.	Chesaning, MI
98	Apa, Anthony	K	5'7"	185	Jr.	Downers Grove, IL
93	Babin, Jason	DT	6'4"	255	Jr.	Paw Paw, MI
18	Baggett, Blayne	QB	6'2"	205	Fr.	Walled Lake, MI
45	Behrens, Josh	LB	6'2"	250	Fr.	Grandville, MI
87	Bloodsaw, Jerome	TE	6'2"	230	So.	Detroit, MI
62	Boone, Brandon	C	6'4"	282	So.	Brooklyn, MI
24	Bradney, Brent	LB	6'2"	205	Fr.	Rochester Hills, MI
97	Browning, Chris	DE	6'2"	235	Sr.	Batavia, IL
21	Carr, Tony	CB	6'1"	180	So.	Flint, MI
23	Coleman, Kevin	CB	5'10"	190	Sr.	Mount Holly, NJ
54	Crane, Bill	LB	5'11"	200	Sr.	Deerfield, IL
6	Curtis, Osborn	WR	6'1"	175	Fr.	La Grange, IL
38	Dick, Steve	LB	6'3"	205	Fr.	Grand Ledge, MI
19	Drach, Jon	QB	6'4"	215	Jr.	Saint Charles, IL
40	Ereg, Peter	RB	5'10"	209	So.	East Lansing, MI
35	Farren, Ross	TE	6'4"	245	Fr.	Akron, OH
40	Feldpausch, Jason	WS	5'9"	178	Jr.	Fowler, MI
47	Ford, Kevin	WS	5'11"	185	Fr.	Lansing, MI
42	Foreste, Jermaine	SS	5'10"	199	Sr.	Hammond, IN
76	Garcia, Jon	OL	6'5"	334	Jr.	Sturgis, MI
89	Gardner, Alex	WR	6'0"	186	Sr.	Cadillac, MI
69	Gasaway, Jake	C	6'3"	278	Sr.	Lowell, IN
43	Gioutsos, Tony	RB	6'1"	210	Fr.	Novi, MI
59	Gitler, Jack	DT	6'2"	245	So.	Berkley, MI
80	Graham, Pat	WR	6'0"	180	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
36	Gubernick, Stephen	FS	5'11"	174	Jr.	Scottsdale, AZ
47	Hardy, Mark	WS	6'2"	180	So.	Robbins, IL
18	Henderson, Brian	K	6'0"	195	Fr.	Clinton Township, MI
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8	Johnson, Brandon	WR	6'3"	201	Sr.	Joliet, IL
31	Johnson, Mike	CB	5'9"	164	Sr.	Ft. Washington, MD
60	Kilcoyne, Jim	DT	6'2"	270	Jr.	Portage, MI
82	Kiner, Anthony	TE	6'5"	244	Jr.	Tinley Park, IL
16	Kirby, Jim	QB	6'1"	200	Jr.	Manhattan, IL
67	Kramer, Kevin	G	6'4"	289	Sr.	Palatine, IL
46	Lape, Bryan	LB	6'3"	220	Sr.	Jackson, MI
11	Lewis, Jermaine	WR	6'4"	202	Sr.	Waukegan, IL
84	Lindberg, Rob	LB	5'11"	221	Fr.	Minneapolis, MN
52	Lockhart, D.J.	C	6'4"	263	Fr.	Mt. Clemens, MI
55	Malloy, Jason	LB	6'1"	238	Sr.	Inkster, MI
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77	McCord, Mike	T	6'7"	288	So.	Willowbrook, IL
35	Melcher, Nick	DE	6'3"	228	So.	Oak Forest, IL
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58	Mesa, Jo Jo	LB	5'11"	238	Sr.	Moreno Valley, CA
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43	Robert, Daniel	DE	6'2"	223	Jr.	Troy, MI
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65	Weaver, Mike	T	6'7"	318	Fr.	Mississauga, ON
99	Westgate, Jeff	NG	6'5"	267	Sr.	Grand Rapids, MI
57	Wiza, Shawn	T	6'7"	293	Fr.	Oak Creek, WI
22	Woods, Charles	RB	5'10"	192	Sr.	Miami, FL

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	3	Kendrick Mosley (Sr.)	80	Pat Graham (Fr.)
WR	8	Brandon Johnson (Sr.)	11	Jermaine Lewis (Sr.)
WR	5	Antonio Thomas (Jr.)	15	Greg Jennings (Fr.)
LT	70	Fred McCants (Sr.)	73	C.R. Moultry (Jr.)
LG	**67**	**Kevin Kramer (Sr.)**	79	Kyle Ras (So.)
C	**69**	**Jake Gasaway (Sr.)**	68	Chris Montgomery (Sr.)
RG	76	Jon Garcia (Jr.)	61	Mark Ottney (Fr.)
RT	77	Mike McCord (So.)	57	Shawn Wiza (Fr.)
TE	**86**	**Mobolaji Afariogun (Sr.)**	82	Anthony Kiner (Jr.)
QB	19	Jon Drach (Jr.)	18	Blayne Baggett (Fr.)
RB	**22**	**Charles Woods (Sr.)**	38	Philip Reed (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE	**97**	**Chris Browning (Sr.)**	35	Nick Melcher (So.)
DT	93	Jason Babin (Jr.)	59	Jack Gitler (So.)
NG	**99**	**Jeff Westgate (Sr.)**	91	Ryan Iorillo (Sr.)
DE	**37**	**Anthony Allsbury (Sr.)**	90	Ernest Osborne (So.)
LB	**46**	**Bryan Lape (Sr.)**	34	Willie Miller (So.)
LB	**55**	**Jason Malloy (Sr.)**	33	Erik Oleson (So.)
CB	41	Sam Reynolds (Sr.)	31	Mike Johnson (Sr.)
CB	21	Tony Carr (So.)	23	Kevin Coleman (Sr.)
WS	**40**	**Jason Feldpausch (Jr.)**	47	Kevin Ford (Fr.)
FS	36	Stephen Gubernick (Jr.)	25	Scott Robinson (So.)
SS	7	Carlos Smith (Sr.)	42	Jermaine Foreste (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	17	Robert Menchinger (So.)
P	39	Adam Anderson (So.)
KR	15	Greg Jennings (Fr.)
PR	3	Kendrick Mosley (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Jon Drach, 92-191-988-7, 7 TDs
Rushing: Philip Reed, 122 car., 539 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving: Brandon Johnson, 27 rec., 312 yds., 4 TDs
Scoring: Robert Menchinger, 8 FGs, 31 XPs, 55 points
Punting: Adam Anderson, 44 punts, 37.9 avg.
Kicking: Robert Menchinger, 8-11 FGs, 31-33 XPs, 55 points
Tackles: Bryan Lape, 122, 77 solo
Tackles for loss: Jason Babin, 13 for 51 yds.
Sacks: Jason Babin, 7
Interceptions: Jermaine Lewis, 2 for 13 yds.
Kickoff returns: Erik Oleson, 5 ret., 13.0 avg.
Punt returns: Sam Reynolds, 1 ret., 13.0 avg.

2001 Results

A. 30	Illinois State	W	48– 7
S. 8	at Virginia Tech	L	0–31
S. 22	at Michigan	L	21–38
S. 29	at Eastern Michigan	W	31–10
O. 6	Akron	W	31–14
O. 13	Bowling Green	W	37–28
O. 20	at No. Illinois	L	12–20
O. 27	at Miami (OH)	L	11–25
N. 6	at Toledo	L	35–41
N. 17	Central Michigan	W	20–17
N. 24	Ball State	L	31–35

2002 Signees

NAME — **POS.** — **HT.** — **WT.** — **HOMETOWN**

Joe Chapple WR 6'0" 180 Belle Glade, FL
Caught 27 passes for 628 yards and seven TDs as a senior. Earned honorable mention all-state honors.

Christopher Chestnut WR 6'0" 191 Durham, NC
Earned All-Western States Conference honorable mention honors as a sophomore at College of the Canyons (CA).

Eugene Childs CB 6'0" 193 West Chester, CA
Made stops at BYU, El Camino (CA) CC, and Compton (CA) CC before signing with WMU.

Andy Endermann DT 6'2" 284 American Samoa
Received all-league honors at College of the Canyons (CA).

Hausia Faleofa DE 6'1" 250 Wailua, Hawaii
Named conference Defensive Player of the Year as a sophomore at College of the Canyons (CA).

Jason Grigsby OL 6'3" 325 Long Beach, CA
Earned first-team all-conference honors as a sophomore at El Camino (CA) CC.

Robbie Haas QB 6'2" 190 Logan, UT
Threw for 2,487 yards and 30 TDs as a freshman at Ricks (ID) CC. Will have three years of eligibility.

Jonathan B. Hall DB 6'1" 185 Bolingbrook, IL
Earned all-state honorable mention honors from the *Chicago Tribune*.

Maurice Hart DB 6'0" 204 Durham, NC
Earned All-Western State Conference first-team honors as a sophomore at College of the Canyons (CA).

Christian Hodges DB 6'2" 195 Rancho Penasquitos, CA
A two-time All-Palomar League selection at Allan Hancock (CA) CC.

Ameer Ismail RB 6'2" 235 Holland, MI
Slowed by injuries his final two seasons at West Ottawa HS. Rushed for 1,546 yards as a sophomore.

Brandon James OL 6'4" 293 Concord, MI
Made the *Jackson Citizen Patriot* all-area squad as a senior at Concord HS. Enrolled at WMU in January 2002 after spending one semester in prep school.

Jonathan Jones DT 6'1" 294 Chicago, IL
Recorded seven sacks as a sophomore at Bakersfield (CA) CC.

Mike Kempinski TE 6'3" 232 Whitewater, WI
Earned All-Southern Lakes Conference honors as a senior.

Justin LeMay WR 6'0" 175 Fort Lauderdale, FL
A two-time all-county selection. All-time leading receiver at Cardinal Gibbons HS.

Matt Ludeman DT 6'3" 236 Oak Creek, WI
Earned all-state and all-region honors at DE as a prep.

Dominic Moran OL 6'5" 275 Rochester Hills, MI
Named to the *Detroit Free Press* All-State Dream Team. Recorded 36 tackles and four sacks in 2001.

Chad Munson QB 6'3" 210 Torrance, CA
Threw for 3,300 yards and 32 TDs as a sophomore at Compton (CA) CC.

Joel Pfaendtner OL 6'4" 275 Macomb, MI
Named All-East honorable mention by the *Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press*.

Willie Pope CB 6'2" 185 Lakeland, FL
Earned all-conference honors as a freshman at Compton (CA) CC. Will have three years of eligibility.

Duane Robinson DL 6'4" 240 Cudahy, WI
Rated the No. 11 recruit in the state by the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*.

Paul Tithof LB 6'1" 197 Chesaning, MI
Named captain of the *Detroit Free Press* Division 4 Team in 2001.

Jimmy Vincent CB 5'10" 172 Belle Glade, FL
Recorded 35 tackles with four INTs and two safeties as a senior.

C-USA Prediction: 3rd
National Forecast: #55

Entering his ninth year at Cincinnati, coach Rick Minter has established an attainable goal for his program. "Maybe we are getting to a point where people are talking about us like they do a Southern Miss, a Louisville, an East Carolina — that we are constantly going to be pretty good," he says.

If Minter is using those schools as measuring sticks, his program is doing just fine. With a senior-laden and experienced team, Minter's 2002 squad will likely challenge for the Conference USA title after second-place finishes the past two seasons. The Bearcats have landed a bowl invitation two straight years and three times in the past five seasons.

"Our guys understand what it means to keep their eyes on the prize and what it means to work for it," Minter says. "Nobody is complacent."

quarterbacks

The most important position on the field is in excellent hands with sophomore Gino Guidugli, who tore up the conference as a true freshman when starter Adam Hoover was lost for the year in Week 2. Guidugli was a cool customer in spite of his youth, throwing for 2,573 yards and 16 touchdowns. He led Cincinnati to several come-from-behind wins, including a 36–34 thriller at Memphis when he converted a fourth-and-27 pass on the game-winning drive. He also tossed a 12-yard touchdown with seven seconds left to defeat Army 24–21 in his first game.

"He came in with such an air of confidence, you don't really notice a whole lot of difference (in the spring)," Minter says. "We do want his confidence to grow and there is room for it to grow."

The backup job is up for grabs, with inexperienced George Murray battling veteran journeyman John Leonard, whose career has seen stops at Arizona State and El Camino (Calif.) College.

running backs

DeMarco McCleskey will be the featured runner in Cincinnati's one-back attack, though Minter says he likes to use a lot of players at the position. While that may be true, McCleskey enters the season as the team's most established and experienced runner and has led the team in rushing two of the past four years.

"McCleskey could have a year where he becomes a go-to guy," Minter says, noting McCleskey shared the bulk of the duties the past two years with Michigan transfer Ray Jackson. "You have to run, catch and block in our system, and he can do it."

Minter said he has "a host of guys" who will attempt to share the position with McCleskey, including Tedric Harwell, David Harris and Richard Hall, the 1998 Ohio high school Player of the Year. "They may not be in Jackson's class just yet, but it is time for a running back to step up," Minter says.

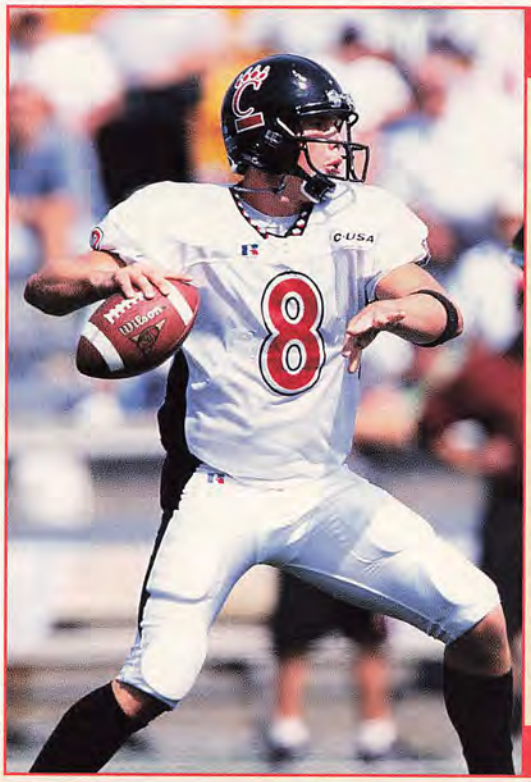
receivers



Not many teams in the nation can start three seniors at wide receiver, but that is exactly the position the Bearcats find themselves in. LaDaris Vann, Tye Keith and Jon Olinger all return from productive junior seasons and will be counted on to help move the football this fall.

"If we are ever going to have a good throwing game, you would like to think with a returning starter at quarterback and three senior wideouts, this is our time," Minter says.

Vann typically lines up in the slot and is the leader of the group. He led C-USA in catches with 73 and is already the Bearcats' career leader in the category.



Allen Kee

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to Winning Conference USA

While Cincinnati is coming into the year with 14 senior starters and a talented young quarterback, the schedule is much more difficult than the one that landed the Bearcats in the Motor City Bowl a year ago. Cincinnati will play 13 regular-season games, with no off-week from the second game on. Road conference games with Southern Miss, East Carolina and Louisville, plus a late-season trip to Hawaii, will test the squad's maturity and depth. The offense will be able to score points with a strong passing attack and a dependable field goal kicker. To emerge as a legitimate threat to supplant Louisville as the C-USA champs, the defense and punt team must rise above expectations. Minter has slowly built Cincinnati into one of the top programs in the league. A championship will make his rebuilding job complete.

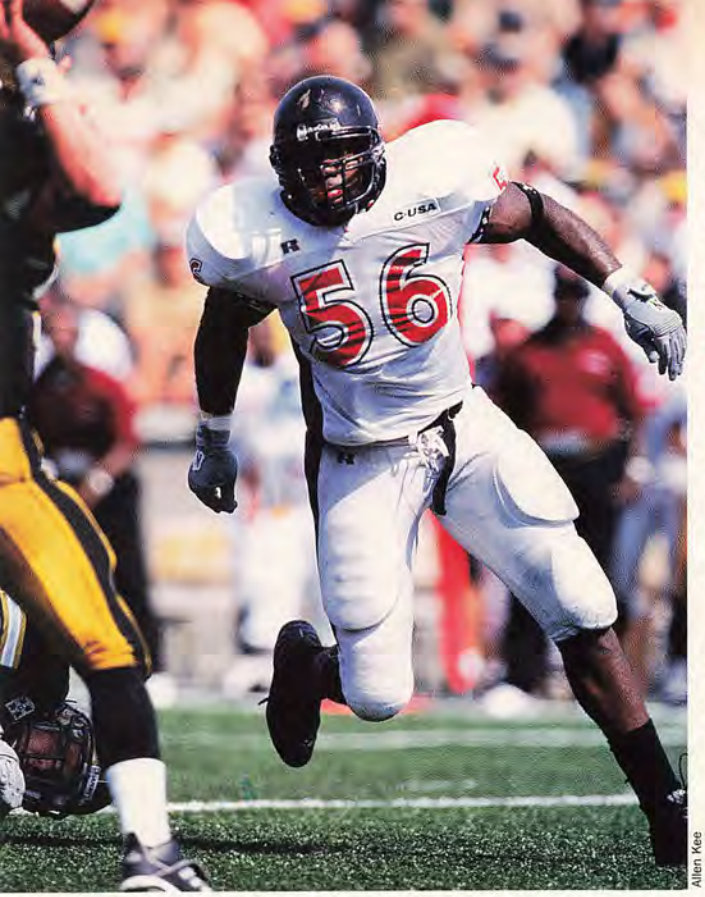
2002 Schedule

S. 2	TCU	W
S. 14	West Virginia	W
S. 21	Ohio State@	L
S. 28	at Temple	W
O. 5	Miami (OH)	W
O. 12	at Tulane	W
O. 19	**at Southern Miss**	*
O. 26	**Memphis**	*
N. 2	**at East Carolina**	*
N. 9	at Louisville	L
N. 16	Houston	W
N. 23	**at Hawaii**	*
N. 30	UAB	W

@Paul Brown Stadium, Cincinnati

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
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Gino Guidugli: 2,573 yards passing as a true freshman



Allen Kee

Antwan Peek

"He's the grit and the grind and the dirty work guy," says Minter, who sees NFL potential in his top receiver.

Keith lines up on the weak side and is charged with stretching the defense and keeping the heat off Vann. He caught four touchdowns last year, including the final-minute game-winner against Army.

Olinger (6'3", 218) is the biggest target of the trio, but still possesses good speed and averaged 22.3 yards on his seven touchdown receptions as a junior.

3 Rick Minter has led the Bearcats to three bowl games in the last five years, matching Cincinnati's total for the first 107 years of the program.

A.J. Lucius is expected to battle junior college transfer Russ Owens for the mostly blocking role at tight end.

offensive linemen

The Bearcats welcome back three line starters in left guard Kirt Doolin, right tackle Josh Gardner (three-year starter) and center Josh Shneyderov, Cincinnati's Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2001. Minter feels that trio should be able to anchor the position as some new faces work their way into the mix.

Candidates to fill the other starting assignments are Kyle Takavitz, a C-USA All-Freshman award winner, redshirt freshman Joel Yakovac and Clint Stickdorn, who began to emerge late in his freshman season.

defensive linemen

Like the wide receiver position, Cincinnati is loaded with experience along the defensive line and is expected to possibly rotate seven seniors into the four-man alignment.

The top of the line, so to speak, is Antwan Peek, a converted safety who has used his athleticism to become one of the conference's best down linemen.

"He is a linebacker/safety/wideout/basketball player playing defensive end," Minter says. "He is faster than all of my linebackers."

Peek has 21 career sacks, a school record, and will look to add to his game under the tutelage of former Outland Trophy winner Tracy Rocker, who has joined Minter's staff as defensive line coach.

Other veterans along the line are Derrick Adams, who will start at right end, and tackles DeMarcus Billings and Matt Tupuola. Others expected to get significant playing time include Ben Piening, Darryll Ransom, Ka'Son Love and sophomore Andre Frazier, the only non-senior of the group.

linebackers

If there is a question mark on defense, it is at the linebacker position, though Minter is confident his young group can come through.

Middle linebacker Willis Edwards and weak-side linebacker Jason Hunt both return and appeared to hold their positions in the spring. The strong side may be manned by Jason Russell, though Minter says "the dust has not settled at that spot."

Tyjuan Hagler, Jamar Enzor, Jamey Murphy, Akanni Turner and Jermaine Wilson are part of a group of talented young linebackers that will vie for playing time.

defensive backs

Again, experience is plentiful for the Bearcats, prompting Minter to fret more about his second team than his first.

"We have more a question of depth than quality," he says.

The safeties both return from last season in Doug Monaghan and Ivan Fields, and the corners will be veteran Blue Adams and Zach Norton, who led the team in interceptions with three.

specialists

The departure of punter Adam Wulfeck, a four-year starter and three-time All-C-USA choice, leaves a void.

Joe Wolke, Kyle McDaniel and freshman Chet Ervin will battle for the starting nod.

On the flip side, the placekicking duties are not a worry. Jonathan Ruffin, the 2000 Lou Groza Award winner, will resume a stellar career in which he has made 43 field goals, including 38-of-45 over the last two years.

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RISING STAR

Tailback **Richard Hall**, the 1998 Ohio high school Player of the Year, will look to emerge as a solid complement to DeMarco McCleskey in the Bearcats' one-back offense during his first collegiate season.

Outside the Huddle

Road work Cincinnati was able to reverse its conference road difficulties a year ago. The Bearcats had compiled a 2–13 record in Conference USA road games in their first five years in the league before posting a 4–0 mark last season.

Welcome Buckeyes As part of its school-record 13-game regular season, Cincinnati will play host to Ohio State, marking the first time since 1934 the Buckeyes will play a road game against another Ohio school.

No Ruffin this kicker Kicker Jonathan Ruffin has made 58 consecutive extra points dating back to a 2000 miss at Wisconsin. He connected on all 36 attempts last season and needs six more to break the school record of 63 straight by Eric Richards.

Revolving door Minter welcomed five new assistant coaches to his staff, including offensive coordinator Rusty Burns, after adding six new assistants before the '01 season.

What's in a name? Minter has allowed names to be added to the backs of the Cincinnati jerseys for the team's appearances in the Motor City Bowl the past two years. There will be no names on the jerseys for the 2002 season.

Better late than never Sophomore running back Richard Hall will finally hit the playing fields this fall for the first time since being named the 1998 Ohio high school Player of the Year. Hall was not admitted to Ohio State in 1999, then sat out the 2000 season as a partial qualifier before transferring to Cincinnati in 2001, where he sat out as a transfer. Hall amassed over 7,300 yards and scored 121 touchdowns in a stellar high school career.

2002 Cincinnati Roster

2001 Record: 7–5
C-USA Record: 5–2
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WR	**84**	**Jon Olinger (Sr.)**	2	Carl Jones (Fr.)
WR	**3**	**Tye Keith (Sr.)**	19	Daven Holly (So.)
LT	75	Kyle Takavitz (So.)	77	Clint Stickdorn (So.)
LG	**72**	**Kirt Doolin (Sr.)**	79	Adam Shorter (So.)
C	**66**	**Josh Shneyderov (Jr.)**	65	Matt Mercer (So.)
RG	74	Joel Yakovac (Fr.)	68	Travis McGee (Jr.)
RT	**67**	**Josh Gardner (Sr.)**	69	Jeremy Schlicher (So.)
TE	89	A.J. Lucius (So.)	82	Justin LaForgia (Fr.)
QB	**8**	**Gino Guidugli (So.)**	7	George Murray (So.)
RB	**31**	**DeMarco McCleskey (Sr.)**	25	Tedric Harwell (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE	**56**	**Antwan Peek (Sr.)**	91	Andre Frazier (So.)
DT	**95**	**DeMarcus Billings (Sr.)**	76	Ka'Son Love (Sr.)
DT	90	Matt Tupuola (Sr.)	97	Ben Piening (Sr.)
DE	**93**	**Derrick Adams (Sr.)**	99	Darryll Ransom (Sr.)
SLB	30	Jason Russell (Jr.)	59	Jermaine Wilson (So.)
MLB	**51**	**Willis Edwards (Sr.)**	46	Jamar Enzor (So.)
WLB	**58**	**Jason Hunt (Sr.)**	55	Jamey Murphy (So.)
CB	24	Blue Adams (Sr.)	34	Marvin Allen (Jr.)
CB	**29**	**Zach Norton (Jr.)**	4	Monyell Williams (So.)
SS	**45**	**Doug Monaghan (So.)**	21	Frank Lang (Sr.)
FS	**26**	**Ivan Fields (Sr.)**	23	John Hinson (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	16	Jonathan Ruffin (Sr.)
P	13	Joe Wolke (Fr.)
KR	6	LaDaris Vann (Sr.)
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Returning Leaders

Passing: Gino Guidugli, 185-317-2,573-9, 16 TDs
Rushing: DeMarco McCleskey, 179 car., 765 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: LaDaris Vann, 73 rec., 902 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Jonathan Ruffin, 12 FGs, 36 XPs, 72 points
Punting: none
Kicking: Jonathan Ruffin, 12-16 FGs, 36-36 XPs, 72 pts.
Tackles: Doug Monaghan, 101, 67 solo
Tackles for loss: Antwan Peek, 22 for 133 yds.
Sacks: Antwan Peek, 12.5 for 102 yards
Interceptions: Zach Norton, 3 for 15 yds.
Kickoff returns: LaDaris Vann, 2 ret., 10.0 avg.
Punt returns: LaDaris Vann, 35 ret., 8.3 avg.

2001 Results

S. 2	Purdue	L	14–19
S. 8	at Army	W	24–21
S. 22	at Miami (OH)	L	14–21
O. 6	Tulane	W	46–33
O. 13	at UAB	W	31–17
O. 20	at Houston	W	29–28
O. 27	Louisville	L	13–28
N. 3	Connecticut	W	45–28
N. 10	East Carolina	L	26–28
N. 24	at Memphis	W	36–34
D. 1	Louisiana-Monroe	W	42–10
D. 29	Toledo#	L	16–23

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2002 Signees

NAME — POS. — HT. — WT. — HOMETOWN

John Bowie — CB — 5'10" — 180 — Columbus, OH
An *Associated Press* first-team all-state selection. Started on both sides of the ball during prep career.

Franklin Callicott — DB — 5'11" — 195 — Indianapolis, IN
Earned honorable mention all-conference honors while playing at Los Angeles Valley (CA) CC.

Anthony Colton — OL — 6'4" — 280 — Newnan, GA
A first-team all-region choice as a sophomore at Middle Georgia CC.

Hank Davis — OL — 6'4" — 235 — Cincinnati, OH
A second-team all-league pick as a senior.

Brian Dodd — CB — 5'8" — 175 — Hopkinsville, KY
Rushed for 706 yards and 14 TDs as a senior. Listed as an all-state performer by the *Louisville Courier-Journal* in 2001.

Derick Eddington — RB — 5'8" — 190 — Asheville, NC
Rushed for 2,239 yards and 34 TDs as a senior. Named state Player of the Year by *NCpreps.com*.

Chet Ervin — P/K — 6'3" — 175 — Sulphur, KY
Rated the No. 35 kicker in the country by *Rivals100.com*. Averaged 42.6 yards per kick in his first year as a punter.

John Feaster — DT — 6'2" — 280 — Picayune, MS
Earned first-team all-state and all-region honors as a sophomore at Pearl River (MS) CC.

DeShawn Gibbs — DL — 6'1" — 270 — West Haven, CT
A second-team all-conference selection as a sophomore at Long Beach (CA) CC.

JaJuan Hall — DB — 6'0" — 190 — Detroit, MI
Honorable mention all-city choice as a senior. Recorded 11 INTs in 2001.

Antoine Horton — CB — 5'11" — 180 — Rochester, PA
Named to the Fabulous 22 regional all-star squad by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. .

James Julian — CB — 5'11" — 175 — East Palo Alto, CA
Honorable mention All-America choice as a sophomore at San Mateo (CA) CC. Recorded 52 tackles and five INTs as a sophomore.

Travis McGee — OL — 6'3" — 290 — Hopkinsville, KY
Helped San Francisco (CA) CC win the 2001 *J.C. Grid-Wire* National Championship. First-team all-conference as a sophomore.

Russ Owens — TE — 6'5" — 265 — Goodland, KS
Second-team all-league selection as a sophomore at Dodge City (KS) CC. Caught 30 passes in 2001.

Donivon Padgett — TE — 6'3" — 220 — Prichard, AL
First-team all-state selection by the Alabama Sports Writers Association as a senior.

Jeff Reinstatler — OL — 6'4" — 275 — Ft. Thomas, KY
Named first-team All-Northern Kentucky by the *Kentucky Enquirer* as a senior.

Adam Roberts — DL — 6'3" — 238 — Brooklyn, NY
Played two seasons at Milford (CT) Academy where he played both DE and LB.

Dominic Ross — LB — 6'0" — 185 — Marion, OH
First-team all-conference choice as a senior. Recorded 91 tackles and six INTs in 2001.

Tommy Simpson — LB — 6'4" — 210 — Tampa, FL
Attended Coffeyville (KS) CC but did not participate in football. Was a first-team all-state choice as a senior at Tampa Bay Technical HS.

Rodrick Stevens — QB — 6'3" — 200 — Quincy, FL
Earned first-team all-county honors as a senior. Threw for over 1,500 yards and rushed for 200 yards in 2001.

Frank Straub — OL — 6'6" — 305 — Lexington, KY
An *AP* first-team all-state performer as a senior. Two-time all-city and all-district choice.

Charlie Vample — WR — 6'1" — 180 — Cincinnati, OH
Caught 32 passes for 695 yards and eight TDs as a senior. Rated the No. 52 WR in the country by *Rivals100.com*.

A.J. Xhudo — DT — 6'3" — 285 — Lodi, NJ
Earned honorable mention Reebok All-America honors after playing for Milford (CT) Academy.

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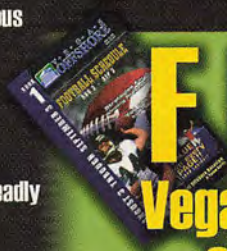
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The believers filled a hotel ballroom, a record crowd of 1,500 for the annual dinner of the Notre Dame Club of Chicago. And when Tyrone Willingham, the new head football coach of the Fighting Irish, was introduced, they stood and cheered. He spoke of toughness and intelligence, and then he said the words the crowd wanted to hear:

"And the option is no longer in the system," Willingham said. He then had to pause because of all the noise.

The conversion of the program to the Willingham era was marked from the start by its sense of surprise. He had indicated earlier that the threat of an option game could remain a part of the Irish scheme.

"A coach should always have the ability to change his mind," Willingham told a group of reporters when asked about the apparently contradictory statements. "Things change. Yesterday will certainly not be today. I always reserve the ability to have a different answer tomorrow than I did today."

quarterbacks

Juniors Matt LoVecchio and Carlyle Holiday have competed for opportunities from the start of their college careers, and that has not changed. What has changed is the structure of the offense, from an approach that took advantage of option opportunities to the West Coast offense that Willingham brought from Stanford.

LoVecchio's remarkable freshman season — he won his first seven starts — culminated with a Fiesta Bowl bid, and his style would seem to be better suited to the new scheme. His consistency was clear from the start. Holiday, whose game-breaking potential as a runner made him a starter last season, has accepted the challenge of adapting to the new approach. Holiday's total of 666 rushing yards last season was the third-most productive of any Irish quarterback (following Tony Rice's 1989 and 1988 totals), but his improvement in the passing game will determine his future.

The competition was officially reduced to the pair when Jared Clark, another member of the 2000 recruiting class, decided to switch to tight end during spring practice.

running backs

This season will define the college career of Julius Jones. He possesses the speed the Irish desperately need to reach an elite level, and he made an impact from the beginning. But he has also dealt with injuries and missed spring practice in 2001 because of disciplinary issues. If Jones can duplicate his team-leading and career-high total of 718 rushing yards this season, he would become the fifth-leading rusher in school history. Ryan Grant, who emerged at the end of last season, could receive significant playing time.

Tom Lopienski is the leader at a fullback position that lacks depth. Mike McNair, a fifth-year senior who has endured a series of injuries, could benefit from the opportunities offered by the Willingham regime.

receivers

The transition to a passing offense will provide a quick answer to a vexing question: Are the Irish receivers talented young players who have been underutilized in the past, or has there been a reason for the lack of opportunities? This generation of Irish receivers was limited to the cautious passing game in 2001 that emphasized a lack of mistakes.

The only wide receiver to have earned multiple letters is fifth-year senior Arnaz Battle, a converted quar-



David Preston

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a Winning Season

Tyrone Willingham has more to do than overhaul an offense. This is a group that experienced the school's first-ever 0–3 start last September and the coming and going of George O'Leary. Willingham's intensity must restore a sense of confidence for a group badly in need of sustained positive reinforcement. The passing game will develop in time, with the current players or the ones brought in over the next few years. While dealing with the usual overambitious schedule, the Irish will try to produce a sense of confidence that has been far too elusive. Maryland, coming off a 10-victory season and Orange Bowl appearance, appeared to be a reasonable opener when the Kickoff Classic pairing was first announced. The Terps, Florida State, Stanford, Michigan and Boston College each finished in the Top 25 last season.

2002 Schedule

A. 31	Maryland@	L
S. 7	Purdue	W
S. 14	Michigan	L
S. 21	at Michigan State	L
O. 5	Stanford	W
O. 12	**Pittsburgh**	*
O. 19	at Air Force	W
O. 26	at Florida State	L
N. 2	**Boston College**	*
N. 9	Navy#	W
N. 23	Rutgers	W
N. 30	at USC	L

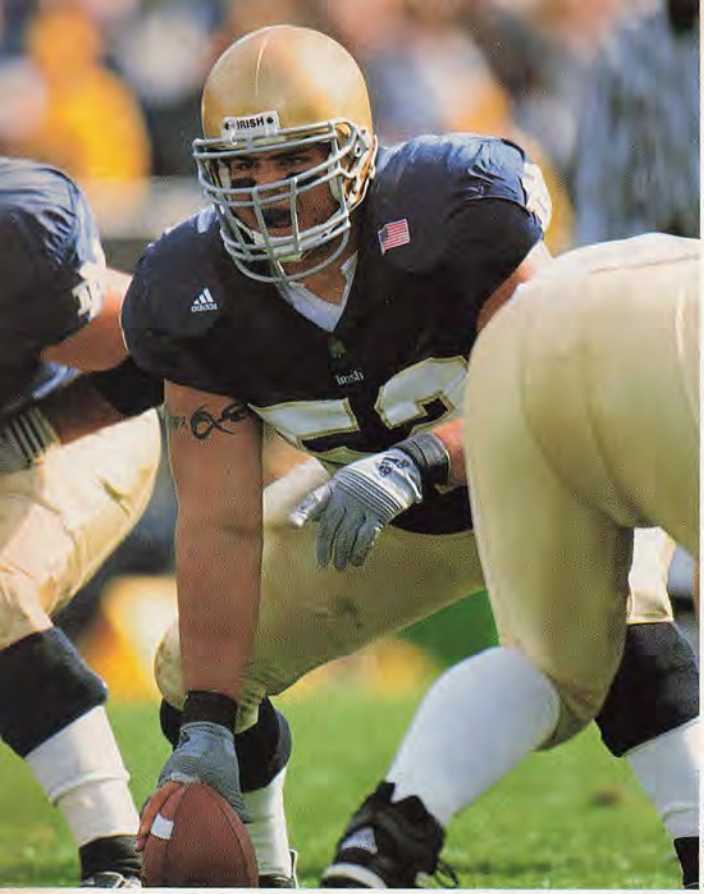
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Arnaz Battle: 5 catches in injury-shortened '01 season

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Julius Jones



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Jeff Faine

terback with five receptions in his college career. Junior Omar Jenkins, with seven catches for 111 yards last season, leads the returning receivers. A door could open for true freshman Maurice Stovall.

Senior Gary Godsey, whose college career has taken him from tight end to quarterback and back to tight end, should benefit from an expanded passing game.

9 Nine teams that played in bowl games after the 2001 season appear on the 2002 Notre Dame schedule.

offensive linemen

The Bob Davie regime was to be entering the second season of its five-year commitment from the university with the flexibility and depth of the offensive line giving the Irish a chance to impose their will. But now the unit's effectiveness will rest with its ability to learn and adjust to a new scheme.

Senior center Jeff Faine, with 23 consecutive starts, has been an emotional leader. Tackles Jordan Black and Brennan Curtin and guards Sean Mahan and Sean Milligan are returning starters with a proven ability to produce a successful running game. The development of Mark LeVoir, a 6'7", 309-pound sophomore tackle, could strengthen the group.

defensive linemen

The defensive interior should be a strength as long as senior tackle Darrell Campbell and senior noseguard Cedric Hilliard can remain healthy and continue to improve. Junior Greg Pauly, whose career was delayed by a knee injury, and up-and-coming sophomore Jeff Thompson can add much-needed depth at tackle and nose guard.

Ryan Roberts, who has been overlooked for much of his career, has developed into the most reliable player at end. Junior Kyle Budinscak has been through the wars at both tackle and end. Jason Sapp, a junior end with past knee problems, should get an opportunity.

linebackers

Senior Courtney Watson, the second-leading tackler for the Irish last season, is the only returning inside linebacker with any significant playing time at the position. Carlos Pierre-Antoine, a fifth-year senior who entered the program with high expectations, will have a final chance to compete. Junior Mike Goolsby, a special-teams contributor in the past, could emerge this season. Juniors Derek Curry and Jerome Collins have limited experience on the outside.

defensive backs

Once considered a liability, the Irish secondary has grown into a strength with three returning starters and lots of talent. The transformation of Shane Walton from soccer player to cornerback and leader will be complete in his senior season. Vontez Duff, who led the 2001 Irish with three interceptions, adds speed at the corner position, and senior Jason Beckstrom, who ran back one pick for a score, adds depth.

Notre Dame ended spring practice with four interchangeable, game-proven safeties. But after allegations of off-field misconduct resulted in the expulsion of two of them from school, only seniors Glenn Earl and Gerome Sapp remain.

RISING STAR

Incoming freshman **Maurice Stovall** from Philadelphia could make an immediate impact when he arrives in the fall. As a senior at Archbishop Carroll High School, the 6'5" Stovall caught nine touchdown passes, scored four times on punt returns and ran back five of his 11 interceptions for touchdowns. Stovall will play wide receiver for the Irish.

specialists

This is the area that gives the Irish the best chance to overcome their flaws. When the Irish have been successful in recent years, special teams units have leveled the playing field against superior opponents.

Placekicker Nicholas Setta has been a difference-maker since his 38-yard last-second field goal against Purdue in 2000 pointed the Irish toward a spot in the BCS. Setta made 15-of-17 kicks last season, including 8-of-8 from 40 yards and longer.

Punter Joey Hildbold has been a finalist for the Ray Guy Award for the last two seasons. Jones needs just 179 yards to surpass 1987 Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown, the leading kick returner in school history.

Outside the Huddle

State secrets The annual Blue-Gold game, which has been expanded in recent years as a marketing tool of the athletic department, was not shown on local television because coach Tyrone Willingham did not want evidence of his team's progress to be beamed up to satellites. Willingham remembered sitting at home when he was still living in California, watching another team's spring game on television, complete with the coach's appraisal of the team on the field. "And I said, 'Thank you,'" Willingham says.

Quick spring A crisp pace for spring practice was established before the Irish took the field. Fifteen sessions were condensed into a period of 22 days and in most cases were completed within two hours.

Schedule conflict The Kickoff Classic at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., was moved to Aug. 31 because of a conflict with freshman orientation at Notre Dame.

Student-athletes In the most recent NCAA survey of graduation rates, which included players who enrolled in the freshman classes of 1991-94, Notre Dame's rate of 85 percent was fourth in Division I-A behind Northwestern, Duke and Stanford.

Ex-quarterbacks Jared Clark's position switch from quarterback to tight end gave the Irish more former quarterbacks than current quarterbacks on scholarship this spring. Clark joins tight end Gary Godsey and wide receiver Arnaz Battle as erstwhile signal-callers.

Sticking around Greg Mattison, a defensive line coach who was defensive coordinator for the past five seasons, is the only holdover from Bob Davie's staff.

2002 Notre Dame Roster

2001 Record: 5–6 | **Head Coach Tyrone Willingham**

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SE	80	Omar Jenkins (Jr.)	18	Ronnie Rodamer (Jr.)
LT	**63**	**Brennan Curtin (Sr.)**	70	Jim Molinaro (Sr.)
LG	**79**	**Sean Mahan (Sr.)**	67	Ryan Gillis (Sr.)
C	**52**	**Jeff Faine (Sr.)**	55	Zachary Giles (So.)
RG	**65**	**Sean Milligan (Sr.)**	72	Ryan Scarola (Sr.)
RT	**78**	**Jordan Black (Sr.)**	73	Mark LeVoir (So.)
TE	14	Gary Godsey (Sr.)	85	Billy Palmer (Jr.)
FL	3	Arnaz Battle (Sr.)	6	Carlos Campbell (So.)
QB	**7**	**Carlyle Holiday (Jr.)**	10	Matt LoVecchio (Jr.)
FB	**36**	**Tom Lopienski (Sr.)**	47	Mike McNair (Sr.)
TB	**22**	**Julius Jones (Sr.)**	4	Ryan Grant (So.)

Defense (7)

DE	92	Kyle Budinscak (Jr.)	99	Jason Sapp (Jr.)
DT	**60**	**Darrell Campbell (Sr.)**	77	Greg Pauly (Jr.)
NG	**50**	**Cedric Hilliard (Sr.)**	91	Jeff Thompson (So.)
DE	**95**	**Ryan Roberts (Sr.)**	90	Brian Beidatsch (So.)
SLB	49	Derek Curry (Jr.)	80	Jerome Collins (Jr.)
MLB	2	Carlos Pierre-Antoine (Sr.)	41	Mike Goolsby (Jr.)
WLB	**33**	**Courtney Watson (Sr.)**	56	Pat Ryan (Sr.)
CB	**42**	**Shane Walton (Sr.)**	9	Jason Beckstrom (Sr.)
CB	**34**	**Vontez Duff (Jr.)**	37	Dwight Ellick (So.)
SS	**20**	**Gerome Sapp (Sr.)**	43	Rashon Powers-Neal (So.)
FS	18	Glenn Earl (Sr.)	27	Lionel Bolen (So.)

Special Teams

K	13	Nicholas Setta (Sr.)
P	17	Joey Hildbold (Sr.)
KR	22	Julius Jones (Sr.)
PR	34	Vontez Duff (Jr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Carlyle Holiday, 73-144-784-7, 3 TDs
Rushing: Julius Jones, 168 car., 718 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Julius Jones, 9 rec., 57 yds., 1 TD
Scoring: Nick Setta, 15 FGs, 23 XPs, 68 points
Punting: Joey Hildbold, 64 punts, 42.2 avg.
Kicking: Nick Setta, 15-17 FGs, 23-23 XPs, 68 points
Tackles: Courtney Watson, 76, 35 solo
Tackles for loss: Courtney Watson, 13 for 27 yds.
Sacks: Ryan Roberts, 3 for 13 yards
Interceptions: Vontez Duff, 3 for 37 yds.
Kickoff returns: Julius Jones, 18 ret., 22.5 avg.
Punt returns: Julius Jones, 18 ret., 10.7 avg.

2001 Results

S. 8	at Nebraska	L	10–27
S. 22	Michigan State	L	10–17
S. 29	at Texas A&M	L	3–24
O. 6	Pittsburgh	W	24– 7
O. 13	West Virginia	W	34–24
O. 20	USC	W	27–16
O. 27	at Boston College	L	17–21
N. 3	Tennessee	L	18–28
N. 17	Navy	W	34–16
N. 24	at Stanford	L	13–17
D. 1	at Purdue	W	24–18

2002 Signees

James Bonelli — OL, 6'6", 285, Ventura, CA
Named Offensive Lineman of the Year by the Ventura County Football Coaches Association. Played in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio.

Jake Carney — DB, 6'0", 180, Lexington, KY
Named to the *Lexington Herald-Leader* Class of the Commonwealth team. Set school record for career INTs (10).

Anthony Fasano — TE, 6'4", 237, Verona, NJ
Caught 78 passes for 1,460 yards and a county-record 23 TDs as a senior. A first-team all-state pick by the *Newark Star-Ledger*.

Marcus Freeman — TE, 6'4", 240, St. Paul, MN
Caught 20 passes for 300 yards and three TDs in 2001. Played in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio.

Chris Frome — DL, 6'5", 240, Saugus, CA
Rated the No. 91 player in the nation by the *Chicago Sun-Times*. A first-team all-state pick in 2001 by the *Los Angeles Times*.

Jeff Jenkins — RB, 6'0", 195, Ann Arbor, MI
Rushed for 1,427 yards and 21 TDs in 2001. A first-team Class A All-State pick by *The Associated Press*. Named captain of the *Detroit Free-Press* Division I honor team.

Derek Landri — DL, 6'2", 275, Concord, CA
A first-team All-America pick by *Parade* and *USA Today*. Named the top lineman on the *Parade* team. Named California Mr. Football by *CalHISports.com*.

Travis Leitko — DL, 6'6", 250, The Woodlands, TX
A second-team All-America pick by by *USA Today*. Rated the No. 22 player in the nation by the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Recorded 96 tackles in 2001.

Brian Mattes — DL, 6'6", 250, Larksville, PA
Recorded 70 tackles and 13 sacks as a senior. Earned first-team all-state honors as a junior.

Rhema McKnight — WR, 6'2", 190, La Palma, CA
Ranked the No. 28 player in the nation by *CNNSI.com*. Rushed for 1,483 yards and 21 TDs and caught 20 passes for 395 yards as a senior.

Bob Morton — OL, 6'4", 305, McKinney, TX
A second-team All-America pick by *USA Today*. Rated the No. 98 player in the nation by the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

Chris Olsen — QB, 6'4", 220, Wayne, NJ
Earned first-team all-state honors from the *Newark Star-Ledger*. Threw for 1,900 yards and 24 TDs in 2001.

Scott Raridon — OL, 6'7", 285, Mason City, IA
Named Gatorade Player of the Year in Iowa. Caught 40 passes for 432 yards and five TDs as a senior.

Mike Richardson — DB, 6'1", 180, Warner Robins, GA
Missed four games of the 2001 season with an ankle sprain. Rushed for 361 yards on 70 carries as a senior.

Jamie Ryan — OL, 6'5", 285, Tamaqua, PA
Played in just four games as a senior due to a blood clot in his neck. Recorded 110 tackles as a junior.

Dan Santucci — DL, 6'5", 250, Chicago, IL
Rated one of the Top 100 players in the Chicago area by the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Recorded 50 tackles (15 for a loss) in 2001.

Nate Schiccatano — RB, 6'3", 220, Coal Township, PA
Rushed for more than 1,000 yards and 21 TDs as a senior. Rushed for 1,380 yards as a junior.

Maurice Stovall — WR, 6'5", 205, Philadelphia, PA
A first-team All-America pick by *USA Today*. Rated the No. 32 player in the nation by the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Caught 31 passes for 743 yards as a senior.

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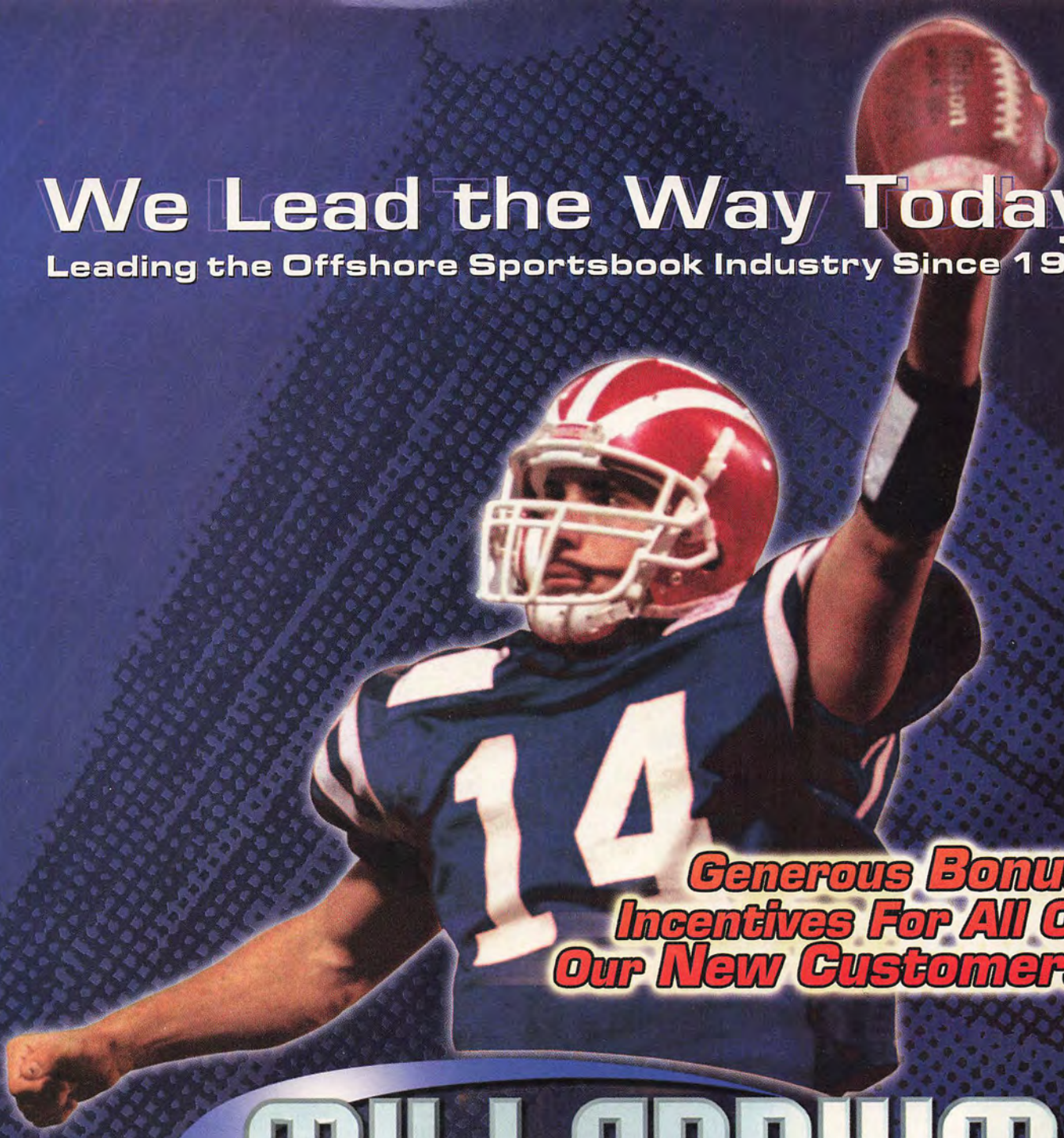
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ACC

CLEMSON (7–5)
Clemson, SC
A. 31 at Georgia
S. 7 Louisiana Tech
S. 14 Georgia Tech
S. 21 Ball State
O. 3 at Florida State
O. 12 at Virginia
O. 19 Wake Forest
O. 26 NC State
N. 2 at Duke
N. 9 at North Carolina
N. 16 Maryland
N. 23 South Carolina

DUKE (0–11)
Durham, NC
A. 31 East Carolina
S. 7 Louisville
S. 14 at Northwestern
S. 21 at Florida State
S. 28 at Navy
O. 5 Virginia
O. 12 at Wake Forest
O. 19 at NC State
O. 26 Maryland
N. 2 Clemson
N. 16 at Georgia Tech
N. 23 North Carolina

FLORIDA STATE (8–4)
Tallahassee, FL
A. 24 Iowa State@
A. 31 Virginia
S. 14 at Maryland
S. 21 Duke
S. 26 at Louisville
O. 3 Clemson
O. 12 at Miami
O. 26 Notre Dame
N. 2 at Wake Forest
N. 9 at Georgia Tech
N. 16 North Carolina
N. 23 at NC State
N. 30 Florida
@Kansas City, MO

GEORGIA TECH (8–5)
Atlanta, GA
A. 31 Vanderbilt
S. 7 at Connecticut
S. 14 at Clemson
S. 21 BYU
S. 28 at North Carolina
O. 5 Wake Forest
O. 17 at Maryland
O. 26 Virginia
N. 2 at NC State
N. 9 Florida State
N. 16 Duke
N. 30 at Georgia

MARYLAND (10–2)
College Park, MD
A. 31 Notre Dame@
S. 7 Akron
S. 14 Florida State
S. 21 Eastern Michigan
S. 28 Wofford
O. 5 at West Virginia
O. 17 Georgia Tech
O. 26 at Duke
N. 2 at North Carolina
N. 9 NC State
N. 16 at Clemson
N. 23 at Virginia
N. 30 Wake Forest
@East Rutherford, NJ

NORTH CAROLINA (8–5)
Chapel Hill, NC
A. 31 Miami (OH)
S. 7 at Syracuse
S. 14 Texas
S. 28 Georgia Tech
O. 5 at Arizona State
O. 12 NC State
O. 19 at Virginia
O. 26 at Wake Forest
N. 2 Maryland
N. 9 Clemson
N. 16 at Florida State
N. 23 at Duke

NC STATE (7–5)
Raleigh, NC
A. 24 New Mexico
A. 31 East Tenn. State
S. 7 at Navy
S. 14 Wake Forest
S. 21 at Texas Tech
S. 28 Massachusetts
O. 12 at North Carolina
O. 19 Duke
O. 26 at Clemson
N. 2 Georgia Tech
N. 9 at Maryland
N. 16 at Virginia
N. 23 Florida State

VIRGINIA (5–7)
Charlottesville, VA
A. 22 Colorado State
A. 31 at Florida State
S. 7 South Carolina
S. 21 Akron
S. 28 at Wake Forest
O. 5 at Duke
O. 12 Clemson
O. 19 North Carolina
O. 26 at Georgia Tech
N. 9 at Penn State
N. 16 NC State
N. 23 Maryland
N. 30 at Virginia Tech

WAKE FOREST (6–5)
Winston-Salem, NC
A. 29 at Northern Illinois
S. 7 East Carolina
S. 14 at NC State
S. 21 at Purdue
S. 28 Virginia
O. 5 at Georgia Tech
O. 12 Duke
O. 19 at Clemson
O. 26 North Carolina
N. 2 Florida State
N. 23 Navy
N. 30 at Maryland

Big East

BOSTON COLLEGE (8–4)
Chestnut Hill, MA
A. 31 Connecticut
S. 7 Stanford
S. 21 at Miami
S. 28 Central Michigan
O. 10 Virginia Tech
O. 19 Navy
O. 26 at Pittsburgh
N. 2 at Notre Dame
N. 9 at West Virginia
N. 16 Syracuse
N. 23 at Temple
N. 30 Rutgers

MIAMI (12–0)
Coral Gables, FL
A. 31 Florida A&M
S. 7 at Florida
S. 14 at Temple
S. 21 Boston College
O. 5 Connecticut
O. 12 Florida State
O. 26 at West Virginia
N. 2 at Rutgers
N. 9 at Tennessee
N. 21 Pittsburgh
N. 30 at Syracuse
D. 7 Virginia Tech

PITTSBURGH (7–5)
Pittsburgh, PA
A. 31 Ohio
S. 7 Texas A&M
S. 14 at UAB
S. 21 Rutgers
S. 28 Toledo
O. 5 at Syracuse
O. 12 at Notre Dame
O. 26 Boston College
N. 2 at Virginia Tech
N. 9 Temple
N. 21 at Miami
N. 30 West Virginia

RUTGERS (2–9)
New Brunswick, NJ
A. 31 Villanova
S. 7 Buffalo
S. 14 Army
S. 21 at Pittsburgh
S. 28 at Tennessee
O. 12 West Virginia
O. 19 at Virginia Tech
O. 26 at Syracuse
N. 2 Miami
N. 16 Temple
N. 23 at Notre Dame
N. 30 at Boston College

SYRACUSE (10–3)
Syracuse, NY
A. 29 at BYU
S. 7 North Carolina
S. 14 Rhode Island
S. 28 at Auburn
O. 5 Pittsburgh
O. 12 at Temple
O. 19 at West Virginia
O. 26 Rutgers
N. 2 at UCF
N. 9 Virginia Tech
N. 16 at Boston College
N. 30 Miami

TEMPLE (4–7)
Philadelphia, PA
A. 31 Richmond
S. 5 Oregon State
S. 14 Miami
S. 21 at South Carolina
S. 28 Cincinnati
O. 12 Syracuse
O. 19 at Connecticut
O. 26 at Virginia Tech
N. 2 West Virginia
N. 9 at Pittsburgh
N. 16 at Rutgers
N. 23 Boston College

VIRGINIA TECH (8–4)
Blacksburg, VA
A. 25 Arkansas State
S. 1 LSU
S. 12 Marshall
S. 21 at Texas A&M
S. 28 at Western Michigan
O. 10 at Boston College
O. 19 Rutgers
O. 26 Temple
N. 2 Pittsburgh
N. 9 at Syracuse
N. 20 West Virginia
N. 30 Virginia
D. 7 at Miami

WEST VIRGINIA (3–8)
Morgantown, WV
A. 31 Chattanooga
S. 7 at Wisconsin
S. 14 at Cincinnati
S. 28 East Carolina
O. 5 Maryland
O. 12 at Rutgers
O. 19 Syracuse
O. 26 Miami
N. 2 at Temple
N. 9 Boston College
N. 20 at Virginia Tech
N. 30 at Pittsburgh

Big Ten

ILLINOIS (10–2)
Champaign, IL
A. 31 Missouri@
S. 7 at Southern Miss
S. 14 Arkansas State
S. 21 San Jose State
S. 28 Michigan
O. 5 at Minnesota
O. 12 Purdue
O. 26 Indiana
N. 2 at Penn State
N. 9 at Wisconsin
N. 16 Ohio State
N. 23 at Northwestern
@St. Louis, MO

INDIANA (5–6)
Bloomington, IN
S. 7 at Utah
S. 14 at Kentucky
S. 21 Central Michigan
S. 28 at Ohio State
O. 12 Wisconsin
O. 19 Iowa
O. 26 at Illinois
N. 2 at Northwestern
N. 9 Michigan State
N. 16 Penn State
N. 23 at Purdue

IOWA (7–5)
Iowa City, IA
A. 31 Akron
S. 7 at Miami (OH)
S. 14 Iowa State
S. 21 Utah State
S. 28 at Penn State
O. 5 Purdue
O. 12 Michigan State
O. 19 at Indiana
O. 26 at Michigan
N. 2 Wisconsin
N. 9 Northwestern
N. 16 at Minnesota

MICHIGAN (8–4)
Ann Arbor, MI
A. 31 Washington
S. 7 Western Michigan
S. 14 at Notre Dame
S. 21 Utah
S. 28 at Illinois
O. 12 Penn State
O. 19 at Purdue
O. 26 Iowa
N. 2 Michigan State
N. 9 at Minnesota
N. 16 Wisconsin
N. 23 at Ohio State

MICHIGAN STATE (7–5)
East Lansing, MI
A. 31 Eastern Michigan
S. 7 Rice
S. 14 California
S. 21 Notre Dame
S. 28 Northwestern
O. 12 at Iowa
O. 19 Minnesota
O. 26 Wisconsin
N. 2 at Michigan
N. 9 at Indiana
N. 16 Purdue
N. 23 at Penn State

MINNESOTA (4–7)
Minneapolis, MN
A. 31 SW Texas State
S. 7 at Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 14 Toledo
S. 21 Buffalo
S. 28 at Purdue
O. 5 Illinois
O. 12 Northwestern
O. 19 at Michigan State
N. 2 at Ohio State
N. 9 Michigan
N. 16 Iowa
N. 23 at Wisconsin

NORTHWESTERN (4–7)
Evanston, IL
A. 31 at Air Force
S. 7 TCU
S. 14 Duke
S. 21 at Navy
S. 28 at Michigan State
O. 5 Ohio State
O. 12 at Minnesota
O. 19 at Penn State
O. 26 Purdue
N. 2 Indiana
N. 9 at Iowa
N. 23 Illinois

OHIO STATE (7–5)
Columbus, OH
A. 24 Texas Tech
S. 7 Kent State
S. 14 Washington State
S. 21 at Cincinnati
S. 28 Indiana
O. 5 at Northwestern
O. 12 San Jose State
O. 19 at Wisconsin
O. 26 Penn State
N. 2 Minnesota
N. 9 at Purdue
N. 16 at Illinois
N. 23 Michigan

PENN STATE (5–6)
University Park, PA
A. 31 UCF
S. 14 Nebraska
S. 21 Louisiana Tech
S. 28 Iowa
O. 5 at Wisconsin
O. 12 at Michigan
O. 19 Northwestern
O. 26 at Ohio State
N. 2 Illinois
N. 9 Virginia
N. 16 at Indiana
N. 23 Michigan State

PURDUE (6–6)
West Lafayette, IN
A. 31 Illinois State
S. 7 at Notre Dame
S. 14 Western Michigan
S. 21 Wake Forest
S. 28 Minnesota
O. 5 at Iowa
O. 12 at Illinois
O. 19 Michigan
O. 26 at Northwestern
N. 9 Ohio State
N. 16 at Michigan State
N. 23 Indiana

WISCONSIN (5–7)
Madison, WI
A. 23 Fresno State
A. 31 at UNLV
S. 7 West Virginia
S. 14 Northern Illinois
S. 21 Arizona
O. 5 Penn State
O. 12 at Indiana
O. 19 Ohio State
O. 26 at Michigan State
N. 2 at Iowa
N. 9 Illinois
N. 16 at Michigan
N. 23 Minnesota

Big 12

BAYLOR (3–8)
Waco, TX
A. 31 at California
S. 7 Samford
S. 14 at New Mexico
S. 21 Tulsa
O. 5 Kansas
O. 12 Texas A&M
O. 19 at Colorado
O. 26 Kansas State
N. 2 at Texas Tech
N. 9 at Texas
N. 16 Oklahoma
N. 23 at Oklahoma State

COLORADO (10–3)
Boulder, CO
A. 31 Colorado State@
S. 7 San Diego State
S. 14 USC
S. 21 UCLA
O. 5 Kansas State
O. 12 at Kansas
O. 19 Baylor
O. 26 Texas Tech
N. 2 at Oklahoma
N. 9 at Missouri
N. 16 Iowa State
N. 29 at Nebraska
@Denver, CO

IOWA STATE (7–5)
Ames, IA
A. 24 Florida State@
A. 31 Kansas
S. 7 Tennessee Tech
S. 14 at Iowa
S. 21 Troy State
S. 28 Nebraska
O. 12 Texas Tech
O. 19 at Oklahoma
O. 26 at Texas
N. 2 Missouri
N. 9 at Kansas State
N. 16 at Colorado
N. 23 Connecticut
@Kansas City, MO

KANSAS (3–8)
Lawrence, KS
A. 31 at Iowa State
S. 7 at UNLV
S. 14 SW Missouri State
S. 21 Bowling Green
S. 28 at Tulsa
O. 5 at Baylor
O. 12 Colorado
O. 19 Texas A&M
O. 26 at Missouri
N. 2 Kansas State
N. 9 at Nebraska
N. 16 Oklahoma State

KANSAS STATE (6–6)
Manhattan, KS
A. 31 Western Kentucky
S. 7 Louisiana-Monroe
S. 14 Eastern Illinois
S. 21 USC
O. 5 at Colorado
O. 12 Oklahoma State
O. 19 Texas
O. 26 at Baylor
N. 2 at Kansas
N. 9 Iowa State
N. 16 Nebraska
N. 23 at Missouri

MISSOURI (4–7)
Columbia, MO
A. 31 Illinois@
S. 7 Ball State
S. 14 at Bowling Green
S. 28 Troy State
O. 5 Oklahoma
O. 12 at Nebraska
O. 19 at Texas Tech
O. 26 Kansas
N. 2 at Iowa State
N. 9 Colorado
N. 16 at Texas A&M
N. 23 Kansas State
@St. Louis, MO

NEBRASKA (11–2)
Lincoln, NE
A. 24 Arizona State
A. 31 Troy State
S. 7 Utah State
S. 14 at Penn State
S. 28 at Iowa State
O. 5 McNeese State
O. 12 Missouri
O. 19 at Oklahoma State
O. 26 at Texas A&M
N. 2 Texas
N. 9 Kansas
N. 16 at Kansas State
N. 29 Colorado

OKLAHOMA (11–2)
Norman, OK
A. 30 at Tulsa
S. 7 Alabama
S. 14 UTEP
S. 28 South Florida
O. 5 at Missouri
O. 12 Texas@
O. 19 Iowa State
N. 2 Colorado
N. 9 at Texas A&M
N. 16 at Baylor
N. 23 Texas Tech
N. 30 at Oklahoma State
@Dallas, TX

OKLAHOMA STATE (4–7)
Stillwater, OK
A. 31 Louisiana Tech@
S. 7 Northern Iowa
S. 14 UCLA
S. 21 SMU
O. 5 at Texas
O. 12 at Kansas State
O. 19 Nebraska
N. 2 Texas A&M
N. 9 at Texas Tech
N. 16 at Kansas
N. 23 Baylor
N. 30 Oklahoma
@Shreveport, LA

TEXAS (11–2)
Austin, TX
A. 31 North Texas
S. 14 at North Carolina
S. 21 Houston
S. 28 at Tulane
O. 5 Oklahoma State
O. 12 Oklahoma@
O. 19 at Kansas State
O. 26 Iowa State
N. 2 at Nebraska
N. 9 Baylor
N. 16 at Texas Tech
N. 29 Texas A&M
@Dallas, TX

TEXAS A&M (8–4)
College Station, TX
A. 31 Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 7 at Pittsburgh
S. 21 Virginia Tech
S. 28 Louisiana Tech
O. 5 Texas Tech
O. 12 at Baylor
O. 19 at Kansas
O. 26 Nebraska
N. 2 at Oklahoma State
N. 9 Oklahoma
N. 16 Missouri
N. 29 at Texas

TEXAS TECH (7–5)
Lubbock, TX
A. 24 at Ohio State
S. 7 at SMU
S. 14 Ole Miss
S. 21 NC State
S. 27 at New Mexico
O. 5 at Texas A&M
O. 12 at Iowa State
O. 19 Missouri
O. 26 at Colorado
N. 2 Baylor
N. 9 Oklahoma State
N. 16 Texas
N. 23 at Oklahoma

Conference USA

ARMY (3–8)
West Point, NY
S. 7 Holy Cross
S. 14 at Rutgers
S. 21 Louisville
S. 28 Southern Miss
O. 5 at East Carolina
O. 12 TCU
O. 19 at Houston
O. 26 UAB
N. 9 Air Force
N. 16 at Tulane
N. 23 at Memphis
D. 7 Navy@
@East Rutherford, NJ

CINCINNATI (7–5)
Cincinnati, OH
S. 2 TCU
S. 14 West Virginia
S. 21 Ohio State@
S. 28 at Temple
O. 5 Miami (OH)
O. 12 at Tulane
O. 19 at Southern Miss
O. 26 Memphis
N. 2 at East Carolina
N. 9 at Louisville
N. 16 Houston
N. 23 at Hawaii
N. 30 UAB
@Paul Brown Stadium

EAST CAROLINA (6–6)
Greenville, NC
A. 31 at Duke
S. 7 at Wake Forest
S. 14 Tulane
S. 28 at West Virginia
O. 5 Army
O. 19 South Florida
O. 26 at Louisville
N. 2 Cincinnati
N. 9 at Houston
N. 16 at UAB
N. 23 TCU
N. 30 at Southern Miss

HOUSTON (0–11)
Houston, TX
A. 31 at Rice
S. 7 Tulane
S. 14 Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 21 at Texas
O. 5 at TCU
O. 12 at UAB
O. 19 Army
N. 2 at Memphis
N. 9 East Carolina
N. 16 at Cincinnati
N. 23 South Florida
N. 30 Louisville

LOUISVILLE (11–2)
Louisville, KY
S. 1 Kentucky
S. 7 at Duke
S. 14 at Colorado State
S. 21 at Army
S. 26 Florida State
O. 8 at Memphis
O. 19 TCU
O. 26 East Carolina
N. 9 Cincinnati
N. 14 at Southern Miss
N. 23 UAB
N. 30 at Houston

MEMPHIS (5–6)
Memphis, TN
A. 31 Murray State
S. 7 at Ole Miss
S. 14 at Southern Miss
S. 21 Tulane
S. 28 at UAB
O. 8 Louisville
O. 19 Mississippi State
O. 26 at Cincinnati
N. 2 Houston
N. 9 at South Florida
N. 23 Army
N. 30 at TCU

SOUTHERN MISS (6–5)
Hattiesburg, MS
A. 31 Jackson State
S. 7 Illinois
S. 14 Memphis
S. 21 at Alabama
S. 28 at Army
O. 12 at South Florida
O. 19 Cincinnati
O. 30 at TCU
N. 9 at UAB
N. 14 Louisville
N. 23 at Tulane
N. 30 East Carolina

TCU (6–6)
Fort Worth, TX
S. 2 at Cincinnati
S. 7 at Northwestern
S. 14 SMU
S. 21 North Texas
O. 5 Houston
O. 12 at Army
O. 19 at Louisville
O. 30 Southern Miss
N. 9 Tulane
N. 23 at East Carolina
N. 30 Memphis

TULANE (3–9)
New Orleans, LA
A. 31 Southern
S. 7 at Houston
S. 14 at East Carolina
S. 21 at Memphis
S. 28 Texas
O. 5 at Louisiana-Monroe
O. 12 Cincinnati
O. 19 UAB
O. 26 Navy
N. 9 at TCU
N. 16 Army
N. 23 Southern Miss

2002 College Schedules

UAB (6–5)
Birmingham, AL
A. 31 at Florida
S. 7 Troy State
S. 14 Pittsburgh
S. 21 at Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 28 Memphis
O. 12 Houston
O. 19 at Tulane
O. 26 at Army
N. 9 Southern Miss
N. 16 East Carolina
N. 23 at Louisville
N. 30 at Cincinnati

Mid-American

AKRON (4–7)
Akron, OH
A. 31 at Iowa
S. 7 at Maryland
S. 14 Central Michigan
S. 21 at Virginia
S. 28 Miami (OH)
O. 5 at Eastern Michigan
O. 12 Liberty
O. 26 at UCF
N. 2 Marshall
N. 9 at Ohio
N. 16 Buffalo
N. 23 at Kent State

BALL STATE (5–6)
Muncie, IN
S. 7 at Missouri
S. 14 Indiana State
S. 21 at Clemson
S. 28 at Connecticut
O. 5 Northern Illinois
O. 12 at Toledo
O. 19 Eastern Michigan
O. 26 at Bowling Green
N. 2 Western Michigan
N. 16 at Central Michigan
N. 23 Buffalo
N. 30 at Marshall

BOWLING GREEN (8–3)
Bowling Green, OH
A. 31 Tennessee Tech
S. 14 Missouri
S. 21 at Kansas
O. 5 Ohio
O. 12 at Central Michigan
O. 19 Western Michigan
O. 26 Ball State
N. 2 at Kent State
N. 9 at Northern Illinois
N. 16 at South Florida
N. 23 Eastern Michigan
N. 30 at Toledo

BUFFALO (3–8)
Buffalo, NY
A. 29 Lehigh
S. 7 at Rutgers
S. 14 Connecticut
S. 21 at Minnesota
S. 28 at Ohio
O. 5 Western Michigan
O. 12 at Marshall
O. 19 Miami (OH)
O. 26 Kent State
N. 9 UCF
N. 16 at Akron
N. 23 at Ball State

CENTRAL MICHIGAN (3–8)
Mt. Pleasant, MI
A. 29 Sam Houston
S. 7 Wyoming
S. 14 at Akron
S. 21 at Indiana
S. 28 at Boston College
O. 12 Bowling Green
O. 19 at Northern Illinois
O. 26 Marshall
N. 2 at Eastern Michigan
N. 9 at Toledo
N. 16 Ball State
N. 23 Western Michigan

EASTERN MICHIGAN (2–9)
Ypsilanti, MI
A. 31 at Michigan State
S. 7 Toledo
S. 14 SE Missouri State
S. 21 at Maryland
S. 28 Southern Illinois
O. 5 Akron
O. 12 at Ohio
O. 19 at Ball State
N. 2 Central Michigan
N. 9 at Western Michigan
N. 16 Northern Illinois
N. 23 at Bowling Green

KENT STATE (6–5)
Kent, OH
A. 29 New Hampshire
S. 7 at Ohio State
S. 14 Cal Poly
S. 21 at Miami (OH)
S. 28 at Northern Illinois
O. 5 Marshall
O. 19 Ohio
O. 26 at Buffalo
N. 2 Bowling Green
N. 9 at Connecticut
N. 16 at UCF
N.23 Akron

MARSHALL (11–2)
Huntington, WV
A. 31 Appalachian State
S. 12 at Virginia Tech
S. 20 UCF
O. 5 at Kent State
O. 12 Buffalo
O. 19 Troy State
O. 26 at Central Michigan
N. 2 at Akron
N. 12 Miami (OH)
N. 23 at Ohio
N. 30 Ball State

MIAMI (OHIO) (7–5)
Oxford, OH
A. 31 at North Carolina
S. 7 Iowa
S. 14 at LSU
S. 21 Kent State
S. 28 at Akron
O. 5 at Cincinnati
O. 12 Northern Illinois
O. 19 at Buffalo
O. 26 at Toledo
N. 2 Ohio
N. 12 at Marshall
N. 23 UCF

NORTHERN ILLINOIS (6–5)
Dekalb, IL
A. 29 Wake Forest
S. 7 at South Florida
S. 14 at Wisconsin
S. 21 Western Illinois
S. 28 Kent State
O. 5 at Ball State
O. 12 at Miami (OH)
O. 19 Central Michigan
O. 26 at Western Michigan
N. 9 Bowling Green
N. 16 at Eastern Michigan
N. 23 Toledo

OHIO (1–10)
Athens, OH
A. 31 at Pittsburgh
S. 7 Northeastern
S. 14 at Florida
S. 21 at Connecticut
S. 28 Buffalo
O. 5 at Bowling Green
O. 12 Eastern Michigan
O. 19 at Kent State
N. 2 at Miami (OH)
N. 9 Akron
N. 23 Marshall
N. 30 at UCF

TOLEDO (10–2)
Toledo, OH
A. 29 Cal Poly
S. 7 at Eastern Michigan
S. 14 at Minnesota
S. 21 UNLV
S. 28 at Pittsburgh
O. 12 Ball State
O. 19 at UCF
O. 26 Miami (OH)
N. 9 Central Michigan
N. 16 at Western Michigan
N. 23 at Northern Illinois
N. 30 Bowling Green

UCF (6–5)
Orlando, FL
A. 31 at Penn State
S. 7 at Arizona State
S. 20 at Marshall
S. 28 Liberty
O. 12 at Western Michigan
O. 19 Toledo
O. 26 Akron
N. 2 Syracuse
N. 9 at Buffalo
N. 16 Kent State
N. 23 at Miami (OH)
N. 30 Ohio

WESTERN MICHIGAN (5–6)
Kalamazoo, MI
A. 29 Indiana State
S. 7 at Michigan
S. 14 at Purdue
S. 28 Virginia Tech
O. 5 at Buffalo
O. 12 UCF
O. 19 at Bowling Green
O. 26 Northern Illinois
N. 2 at Ball State
N. 9 Eastern Michigan
N. 16 Toledo
N. 23 at Central Michigan

Mountain West

AIR FORCE (6–6)
Colorado Springs, CO
A. 31 Northwestern
S. 7 New Mexico
S. 21 at California
S. 28 at Utah
O. 5 Navy
O. 12 BYU
O. 19 Notre Dame
O. 26 at Wyoming
O. 31 Colorado State
N. 9 at Army
N. 16 at UNLV
N. 23 San Diego State

BYU (12–2)
Provo, UT
A. 29 Syracuse
S. 6 Hawaii
S. 14 at Nevada
S. 21 at Georgia Tech
O. 4 at Utah State
O. 12 at Air Force
O. 19 UNLV
O. 24 at Colorado State
N. 2 San Diego State
N. 9 Wyoming
N. 16 New Mexico
N. 23 at Utah

COLORADO STATE (7–5)
Fort Collins, CO
A. 22 at Virginia
A. 31 Colorado@
S. 7 at UCLA
S. 14 Louisville
S. 28 at Nevada
O. 4 at Fresno State
O. 12 Wyoming
O. 19 at Utah
O. 24 BYU
O. 31 at Air Force
N. 16 at San Diego State
N. 23 New Mexico
N. 30 UNLV
@Denver, CO

NEW MEXICO (6–5)
Albuquerque, NM
A. 24 at NC State
A. 31 Weber State
S. 7 at Air Force
S. 14 Baylor
S. 21 at New Mexico State
S. 27 Texas Tech
O. 12 at UNLV
O. 19 at Utah State
O. 26 Utah
N. 9 San Diego State
N. 16 at BYU
N. 23 at Colorado State
N. 30 Wyoming

SAN DIEGO STATE (3–8)
San Diego, CA
A. 31 at Fresno State
S. 7 at Colorado
S. 14 Arizona State
S. 21 at Idaho
S. 28 UCLA
O. 12 Utah
O. 19 at Wyoming
O. 26 UNLV
N. 2 at BYU
N. 9 at New Mexico
N. 16 Colorado State
N. 23 at Air Force

UNLV (4–7)
Las Vegas, NV
A. 31 Wisconsin
S. 7 Kansas
S. 14 at Oregon State
S. 21 at Toledo
O. 5 Nevada
O. 12 New Mexico
O. 19 at BYU
O. 26 at San Diego State
N. 2 Wyoming
N. 9 at Utah
N. 16 Air Force
N. 30 at Colorado State

UTAH (8–4)
Salt Lake City, UT
A. 31 at Utah State
S. 7 Indiana
S. 14 at Arizona
S. 21 at Michigan
S. 28 Air Force
O. 12 at San Diego State
O. 19 Colorado State
O. 26 at New Mexico
N. 9 UNLV
N. 16 at Wyoming
N. 23 BYU

WYOMING (2–9)
Laramie, WY
A. 31 Tennessee@
S. 7 at Central Michigan
S. 14 Boise State
S. 21 at Washington
O. 5 The Citadel
O. 12 at Colorado State
O. 19 San Diego State
O. 26 Air Force
N. 2 at UNLV
N. 9 at BYU
N. 16 Utah
N. 30 at New Mexico
@Nashville, TN

Pac-10

ARIZONA (5–6)
Tucson, AZ
A. 29 Northern Arizona
S. 14 Utah
S. 21 at Wisconsin
S. 28 North Texas
O. 5 Oregon
O. 12 at Washington
O. 19 at Stanford
O. 26 Washington State
N. 2 at Oregon State
N. 9 UCLA
N. 16 at California
N. 29 Arizona State

ARIZONA STATE (4–7)
Tempe, AZ
A. 24 at Nebraska
A. 31 Eastern Washington
S. 7 UCF
S. 14 at San Diego State
S. 28 Stanford
O. 5 North Carolina
O. 12 Oregon State
O. 19 at Oregon
O. 26 Washington
N. 2 at Washington State
N. 9 California
N. 16 at USC
N. 29 at Arizona

CALIFORNIA (1–10)
Berkeley, CA
A. 31 Baylor
S. 7 New Mexico State
S. 14 at Michigan State
S. 21 Air Force
S. 28 Washington State
O. 5 at Washington
O. 12 at USC
O. 19 UCLA
O. 26 at Oregon State
N. 9 at Arizona State
N. 16 Arizona
N. 23 Stanford

OREGON (11–1)
Eugene, OR
A. 31 Mississippi State
S. 7 Fresno State
S. 14 Idaho
S. 21 Portland State
O. 5 at Arizona
O. 12 at UCLA
O. 19 Arizona State
O. 26 USC
N. 2 Stanford
N. 9 at Washington State
N. 16 Washington
N. 23 at Oregon State

OREGON STATE (5–6)
Corvallis, OR
A. 29 Eastern Kentucky
S. 5 at Temple
S. 14 UNLV
S. 21 Fresno State
S. 28 at USC
O. 5 UCLA
O. 12 at Arizona State
O. 26 California
N. 2 Arizona
N. 9 at Washington
N. 16 at Stanford
N. 23 Oregon

STANFORD (9–3)
Stanford, CA
S. 7 at Boston College
S. 14 San Jose State
S. 28 at Arizona State
O. 5 at Notre Dame
O. 12 Washington State
O. 19 Arizona
O. 26 at UCLA
N. 2 at Oregon
N. 9 USC
N. 16 Oregon State
N. 23 at California

UCLA (7–4)
Los Angeles, CA
S. 7 Colorado State
S. 14 at Oklahoma State
S. 21 Colorado
S. 28 at San Diego State
O. 5 at Oregon State
O. 12 Oregon
O. 19 at California
O. 26 Stanford
N. 2 at Washington
N. 9 at Arizona
N. 23 USC
D. 7 Washington State

USC (6–6)
Los Angeles, CA
S. 2 Auburn
S. 14 at Colorado
S. 21 at Kansas State
S. 28 Oregon State
O. 5 at Washington State
O. 12 California
O. 19 Washington
O. 26 at Oregon
N. 9 at Stanford
N. 16 Arizona State
N. 23 at UCLA
N. 30 Notre Dame

WASHINGTON (8–4)
Seattle, WA
A. 31 at Michigan
S. 7 San Jose State
S. 21 Wyoming
S. 28 Idaho
O. 5 California
O. 12 Arizona
O. 19 at USC
O. 26 at Arizona State
N. 2 UCLA
N. 9 Oregon State
N. 16 at Oregon
N. 23 at Washington State

WASHINGTON STATE (10–2)
Pullman, WA
A. 31 Nevada@
S. 7 Idaho
S. 14 at Ohio State
S. 21 Montana State
S. 28 at California
O. 5 USC
O. 12 at Stanford
O. 26 at Arizona
N. 2 Arizona State
N. 9 Oregon
N. 23 Washington
N. 30 at Hawaii
D. 7 at UCLA
@Seattle, WA

SEC

ALABAMA (7–5)
Tuscaloosa, AL
A. 31 Middle Tennessee@
S. 7 at Oklahoma
S. 14 North Texas
S. 21 Southern Miss
S. 28 at Arkansas
O. 5 Georgia
O. 19 Ole Miss
O. 26 at Tennessee
N. 2 at Vanderbilt
N. 9 Mississippi State
N. 16 at LSU
N. 23 Auburn
@ Birmingham, AL

ARKANSAS (7–5)
Fayetteville, AR
S. 7 Boise State
S. 14 South Florida@
S. 28 Alabama
O. 5 at Tennessee
O. 12 at Auburn
O. 19 Kentucky
O. 26 Ole Miss
N. 2 Troy State@
N. 9 at South Carolina
N. 16 Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 23 at Mississippi State
N. 29 LSU@
@Little Rock, AR

AUBURN (7–5)
Auburn, AL
S. 2 at USC
S. 7 Western Carolina
S. 14 Vanderbilt
S. 19 at Mississippi State
S. 28 Syracuse
O. 12 Arkansas
O. 19 at Florida
O. 26 LSU
N. 2 at Ole Miss
N. 9 Louisiana-Monroe
N. 16 Georgia
N. 23 at Alabama

FLORIDA (10–2)
Gainesville, FL
A. 31 UAB
S. 7 Miami
S. 14 Ohio
S. 21 at Tennessee
S. 28 Kentucky
O. 5 at Ole Miss
O. 12 LSU
O. 19 Auburn
N. 2 Georgia@
N. 9 at Vanderbilt
N. 16 South Carolina
N. 30 at Florida State
@Jacksonville, FL

GEORGIA (8–4)
Athens, GA
A. 31 Clemson
S. 14 at South Carolina
S. 21 Northwestern State
S. 28 New Mexico State
O. 5 at Alabama
O. 12 Tennessee
O. 19 Vanderbilt
O. 26 at Kentucky
N. 2 Florida@
N. 9 Ole Miss
N. 16 at Auburn
N. 30 Georgia Tech
@Jacksonville, FL

KENTUCKY (2–9)
Lexington, KY
S. 1 at Louisville
S. 7 UTEP
S. 14 Indiana
S. 21 Middle Tennessee
S. 28 at Florida
O. 12 South Carolina
O. 19 at Arkansas
O. 26 Georgia
N. 2 at Mississippi State
N. 9 LSU
N. 16 Vanderbilt
N. 30 at Tennessee

LSU (10–3)
Baton Rouge, LA
S. 1 at Virginia Tech
S. 7 The Citadel
S. 14 Miami (OH)
S. 28 Mississippi State
O. 5 Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 12 at Florida
O. 19 South Carolina
O. 26 at Auburn
N. 9 at Kentucky
N. 16 Alabama
N. 23 Ole Miss
N. 29 Arkansas@
@Little Rock, AR

MISSISSIPPI STATE (3–8)
Starkville, MS
A. 31 at Oregon
S. 14 Jacksonville State
S. 19 Auburn
S. 28 at LSU
O. 5 at South Carolina
O. 12 Troy State
O. 19 at Memphis
N. 2 Kentucky
N. 9 at Alabama
N. 16 Tennessee
N. 23 Arkansas
N. 28 at Ole Miss

OLE MISS (7–4)
Oxford, MS
A. 31 Louisiana-Monroe
S. 7 Memphis
S. 14 at Texas Tech
S. 21 Vanderbilt
O. 5 Florida
O. 12 Arkansas State
O. 19 at Alabama
O. 26 at Arkansas
N. 2 Auburn
N. 9 at Georgia
N. 23 at LSU
N. 28 Mississippi State

SOUTH CAROLINA (9–3)
Columbia, SC
A. 31 New Mexico State
S. 7 at Virginia
S. 14 Georgia
S. 21 Temple
S. 28 at Vanderbilt
O. 5 Mississippi State
O. 12 at Kentucky
O. 19 at LSU
N. 2 Tennessee
N. 9 Arkansas
N. 16 at Florida
N. 23 at Clemson

TENNESSEE (11–2)
Knoxville, TN
A. 31 Wyoming@
S. 7 Middle Tennessee
S. 21 Florida
S. 28 Rutgers
O. 5 Arkansas
O. 12 at Georgia
O. 26 Alabama
N. 2 at South Carolina
N. 9 Miami
N. 16 at Mississippi State
N. 23 at Vanderbilt@
N. 30 Kentucky
@Adelphia Coliseum: Nashville

VANDERBILT (2–9)
Nashville, TN
A. 31 at Georgia Tech
S. 7 Furman
S. 14 at Auburn
S. 21 at Ole Miss
S. 28 South Carolina
O. 12 Middle Tennessee
O. 19 at Georgia
O. 26 Connecticut
N. 2 Alabama
N. 9 Florida
N. 16 at Kentucky
N. 23 Tennessee@
@Adelphia Coliseum: Nashville

Sunbelt

ARKANSAS STATE (2–9)
Jonesboro, AR
A. 25 at Virginia Tech
A. 31 San Jose State@
S. 7 Tulsa
S. 14 at Illinois
S. 21 at Louisiana-Monroe
S. 28 Tennessee-Martin
O. 5 Middle Tennessee
O. 12 at Mississippi
O. 19 North Texas
O. 26 New Mexico State
N. 2 Southern Utah
N. 9 at Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 16 at Idaho
@Little Rock, AR

IDAHO (1–10)
Moscow, ID
A. 31 at Boise State
S. 7 at Washington State
S. 14 at Oregon
S. 21 San Diego State
S. 28 at Washington
O. 5 Montana
O. 12 at Louisiana-Monroe
O. 26 Middle Tennessee
N. 2 at Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 9 at North Texas
N. 16 Arkansas State
N. 23 New Mexico State

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE (3–8)
Lafayette, LA
A. 31 at Texas A&M
S. 7 Minnesota
S. 14 at Houston
S. 21 UAB
O. 5 at LSU
O. 12 at New Mexico State
O. 19 at Middle Tennessee
O. 26 North Texas
N. 2 Idaho
N. 9 Arkansas State
N. 16 at Arkansas
N. 23 at Louisiana-Monroe

LOUISIANA-MONROE (2–9)
Monroe, LA
A. 31 at Ole Miss
S. 7 at Kansas State
S. 14 McNeese State
S. 21 Arkansas State
O. 5 Tulane
O. 12 Idaho
O. 19 at New Mexico State
O. 26 Utah State
N. 2 at North Texas
N. 9 at Auburn
N. 16 at Middle Tennessee
N. 23 Louisiana-Lafayette

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (8–3)
Murfreesboro, TN
A. 31 Alabama@
S. 7 at Tennessee
S. 21 at Kentucky
S. 28 SE Missouri State
O. 5 at Arkansas State
O. 12 at Vanderbilt
O. 19 Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 26 at Idaho
N. 2 at New Mexico State
N. 16 Louisiana-Monroe
N. 23 North Texas
N. 30 Utah State
@Birmingham, AL

NEW MEXICO STATE (5–7)
Las Cruces, NM
A. 31 at South Carolina
S. 7 at California
S. 21 New Mexico
S. 28 at Georgia
O. 5 UTEP
O. 12 Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 19 Louisiana-Monroe
O. 26 at Arkansas State
N. 2 Middle Tennessee
N. 9 at Utah State
N. 16 at North Texas
N. 23 at Idaho

NORTH TEXAS (5–7)
Denton, TX
A. 31 at Texas
S. 7 Nicholls State
S. 14 at Alabama
S. 21 at TCU
S. 28 at Arizona
O. 5 South Florida
O. 19 at Arkansas State
O. 26 at Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 2 Louisiana-Monroe
N. 9 Idaho
N. 16 New Mexico State
N. 23 at Middle Tennessee

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BOISE STATE (8–4)
Boise, ID
A. 31 Idaho
S. 7 at Arkansas
S. 14 at Wyoming
S. 28 Utah State
O. 5 Hawaii
O. 12 at Tulsa
O. 19 Fresno State
O. 26 at San Jose State
N. 2 at UTEP
N. 9 Rice
N. 16 Louisiana Tech
N. 23 at Nevada

FRESNO STATE (11–3)
Fresno, CA
A. 23 at Wisconsin
A. 31 San Diego State
S. 7 at Oregon
S. 21 at Oregon State
S. 28 at Rice
O. 4 Colorado State
O. 12 SMU
O. 19 at Boise State
O. 26 Hawaii
N. 2 Louisiana Tech@
N. 9 Tulsa
N. 16 Nevada
N. 23 at San Jose State
@Shreveport, LA

HAWAII (9–3)
Honolulu, HI
A. 31 Eastern Illinois
S. 6 at BYU
S. 21 at UTEP
S. 28 SMU
O. 5 at Boise State
O. 12 Nevada
O. 19 Tulsa
O. 26 at Fresno State
N. 2 San Jose State
N. 16 at Rice
N. 23 Cincinnati
N. 30 Washington State
D. 7 San Diego State

LOUISIANA TECH (7–5)
Ruston, LA
A. 31 Oklahoma State@
S. 7 at Clemson
S. 14 Tulsa
S. 21 at Penn State
S. 28 at Texas A&M
O. 5 at Rice
O. 19 at SMU
O. 26 Nevada
N. 2 Fresno State@
N. 9 at San Jose State
N. 16 at Boise State
N. 23 UTEP
@Shreveport, LA

NEVADA (3–8)
Reno, NV
A. 31 Washington State@
S. 14 BYU
S. 21 Rice
S. 28 Colorado State
O. 5 at UNLV
O. 12 at Hawaii
O. 19 San Jose State
O. 26 at Louisiana Tech
N. 2 at SMU
N. 9 UTEP
N. 16 at Fresno State
N. 23 Boise State
@Seattle, WA

RICE (8–4)
Houston, TX
A. 31 Houston
S. 7 at Michigan State
S. 21 at Nevada
S. 28 Fresno State
O. 5 Louisiana Tech
O. 12 at Navy
O. 19 at UTEP
O. 26 SMU
N. 2 at Tulsa
N. 9 at Boise State
N. 16 Hawaii

SAN JOSE STATE (3–9)
San Jose, CA
A. 31 Arkansas State@
S. 7 at Washington
S. 14 at Stanford
S. 21 at Illinois
S. 28 UTEP
O. 5 at SMU
O. 12 at Ohio State
O. 19 at Nevada
O. 26 Boise State
N. 2 at Hawaii
N. 9 Louisiana Tech
N. 16 at Tulsa
N. 23 Fresno State
@Little Rock, AR

SMU (4–7)
Dallas, TX
A. 31 Navy
S. 7 Texas Tech
S. 14 at TCU
S. 21 at Oklahoma State
S. 28 at Hawaii
O. 5 San Jose State
O. 12 at Fresno State
O. 19 Louisiana Tech
O. 26 at Rice
N. 2 Nevada
N. 16 at UTEP
N. 23 Tulsa

TULSA (1–10)
Tulsa, OK
A. 30 Oklahoma
S. 7 at Arkansas State
S. 14 at Louisiana Tech
S. 21 at Baylor
S. 28 Kansas
O. 12 Boise State
O. 19 at Hawaii
O. 26 UTEP
N. 2 Rice
N. 9 at Fresno State
N. 16 San Jose State
N. 23 at SMU

UTEP (2–9)
El Paso, TX
A. 31 Sacramento State
S. 7 at Kentucky
S. 14 at Oklahoma
S. 21 Hawaii
S. 28 at San Jose State
O. 5 at New Mexico State
O. 19 Rice
O. 26 at Tulsa
N. 2 Boise State
N. 9 at Nevada
N. 16 SMU
N. 23 at Louisiana Tech

I-A Independents

CONNECTICUT (2–9)
Storrs, CT
A. 31 at Boston College
S. 7 Georgia Tech
S. 14 at Buffalo
S. 21 Ohio
S. 28 Ball State
O. 5 at Miami
O. 19 Temple
O. 26 at Vanderbilt
N. 2 Florida Atlantic
N. 9 Kent State
N. 16 at Navy
N. 23 at Iowa State

NAVY (0–10)
Annapolis, MD
A. 31 at SMU
S. 7 NC State
S. 21 Northwestern
S. 28 Duke
O. 5 at Air Force
O. 12 Rice
O. 19 at Boston College
O. 26 at Tulane
N. 9 Notre Dame@
N. 16 Connecticut
N. 23 at Wake Forest
D. 7 Army#
@Baltimore, MD
#East Rutherford, NJ

NOTRE DAME (5–6)
South Bend, IN
A. 31 Maryland@
S. 7 Purdue
S. 14 Michigan
S. 21 at Michigan State
O. 5 Stanford
O. 12 Pittsburgh
O. 19 at Air Force
O. 26 at Florida State
N. 2 Boston College
N. 9 Navy#
N. 23 Rutgers
N. 30 at USC
@East Rutherford, NJ
#Baltimore, MD

SOUTH FLORIDA (8–3)
Tampa, FL
A. 29 Florida Atlantic
S. 7 Northern Illinois
S. 14 Arkansas@
S. 28 at Oklahoma
O. 5 at North Texas
O. 12 Southern Miss
O. 19 at East Carolina
N. 2 Charleston Southern
N. 9 Memphis
N. 16 Bowling Green
N. 23 at Houston
@Little Rock, AR

TROY STATE (7–4)
Troy, AL
A. 31 at Nebraska
S. 7 at UAB
S. 14 Southern Utah
S. 21 at Iowa State
S. 28 at Missouri
O. 12 at Mississippi State
O. 19 at Marshall
O. 26 Florida Atlantic
N. 2 Arkansas@
N. 9 Florida A&M#
N. 16 Utah State
@Little Rock, AR
#Mobile, AL

UTAH STATE (4–7)
Logan, UT
A. 31 Utah
S. 7 at Nebraska
S. 14 Idaho State
S. 21 at Iowa
S. 28 at Boise State
O. 4 BYU
O. 19 New Mexico
O. 26 at Louisiana-Monroe
N. 9 New Mexico State
N. 16 at Troy State
N. 30 at Middle Tennessee

ATLANTIC 10

DELAWARE (4–6)
Newark, DE
A. 29 Georgia Southern
S. 7 at Richmond
S. 14 at The Citadel
S. 21 West Chester
S. 28 at William & Mary
O. 5 Northeastern
O. 12 James Madison
O. 19 at Rhode Island
O. 26 New Hampshire
N. 2 at Massachusetts
N. 9 at Maine
N. 23 Villanova

HOFSTRA (9–3)
Hempstead, NY
A. 29 Montana
S. 7 Rhode Island
S. 14 at New Hampshire
S. 21 James Madison
S. 28 at Northeastern
O. 5 at Villanova
O. 12 William & Mary
O. 26 at Maine
N. 2 at Elon
N. 9 Richmond
N. 16 at Massachusetts
N. 23 Liberty

JAMES MADISON (2–9)
Harrisonburg, VA
A. 31 Hampton
S. 7 New Hampshire
S. 14 Florida Atlantic
S. 21 at Hofstra
S. 28 Villanova
O. 5 Maine
O. 12 at Delaware
O. 19 at Richmond
O. 26 Massachusetts
N. 2 at Rhode Island
N. 16 William & Mary
N. 23 at Northeastern

MAINE (9–3)
Orono, ME
A. 31 Central Conn. State
S. 7 William & Mary
S. 14 at Villanova
S. 21 at Howard
S. 28 Rhode Island
O. 5 at James Madison
O. 12 at Massachusetts
O. 19 at Florida International
O. 26 Hofstra
N. 9 Delaware
N. 16 at Richmond
N. 23 New Hampshire

MASSACHUSETTS (3–8)
Amherst, MA
S. 7 Central Conn. State
S. 14 American International
S. 21 at Northeastern
S. 28 at NC State
O. 5 at Richmond
O. 12 Maine
O. 19 Villanova
O. 26 at James Madison
N. 2 Delaware
N. 9 at New Hampshire
N. 16 Hofstra
N. 23 at Rhode Island

NEW HAMPSHIRE (4–7)
Durham, NH
A. 29 at Kent State
S. 7 at James Madison
S. 14 Hofstra
S. 21 at Villanova
S. 28 at Dartmouth
O. 12 Richmond
O. 19 William & Mary
O. 26 at Delaware
N. 9 Massachusetts
N. 16 Northeastern
N. 23 at Maine

NORTHEASTERN (5–6)
Boston, MA
A. 31 Lockhaven
S. 7 at Ohio
S. 21 Massachusetts
S. 28 Hofstra
O. 5 at Delaware
O. 12 Rhode Island
O. 19 at Harvard
O. 26 at William & Mary
N. 2 at Richmond
N. 9 Villanova
N. 16 at New Hampshire
N. 23 James Madison

RHODE ISLAND (8–3)
Kingston, RI
A. 31 Bryant
S. 7 at Hofstra
S. 14 at Syracuse
S. 28 at Maine
O. 5 Brown
O. 12 at Northeastern
O. 19 Delaware
O. 26 Richmond
N. 2 James Madison
N. 9 at William & Mary
N. 16 at Villanova
N. 23 Massachusetts

RICHMOND (3–8)
Richmond, VA
A. 31 at Temple
S. 7 Delaware
S. 21 Furman
O. 5 Massachusetts
O. 12 at New Hampshire
O. 19 James Madison
O. 26 at Rhode Island
N. 2 Northeastern
N. 9 at Hofstra
N. 16 Maine
N. 23 at William & Mary

VILLANOVA (8–3)
Philadelphia, PA
A. 31 at Rutgers
S. 7 at Colgate
S. 14 Maine
S. 21 New Hampshire
S. 28 at James Madison
O. 5 Hofstra
O. 10 Penn
O. 19 at Massachusetts
N. 2 William & Mary
N. 9 at Northeastern
N. 16 Rhode Island
N. 23 at Delaware

WILLIAM & MARY (8–4)
Williamsburg, VA
A. 31 at Indiana
S. 7 at Maine
S. 14 VMI
S. 28 Delaware
O. 12 at Hofstra
O. 19 at New Hampshire
O. 26 Northeastern
N. 2 at Villanova
N. 9 Rhode Island
N. 16 at James Madison
N. 23 Richmond

BIG SKY

EASTERN WASHINGTON (7–4)
Cheney, WA
A. 31 at Arizona State
S. 7 Montana Tech
S. 14 Western Oregon
S. 21 at Southern Utah
O. 5 Idaho State
O. 12 at Portland State
O. 19 Northern Arizona
O. 26 Sacramento State
N. 2 at Weber State
N. 9 at Montana State
N. 16 Montana

IDAHO STATE (3–7)
Pocatello, ID
A. 29 Montana-Western
S. 14 at Utah State
S. 21 at Montana
S. 28 Sacramento State
O. 5 at Eastern Washington
O. 12 Montana State
O. 26 Weber State
N. 2 at Portland State
N. 9 Northern Arizona
N. 16 Cal Poly
N. 23 at Southern Utah

MONTANA (15–1)
Missoula, MT
A. 29 at Hofstra
S. 7 Albany
S. 14 Northern Colorado
S. 21 Idaho State
O. 5 at Idaho
O. 12 at Weber State
O. 19 Southern Utah
O. 26 at Portland State
N. 2 Northern Arizona
N. 9 Sacramento State
N. 16 at Eastern Washington
N. 23 Montana State

MONTANA STATE (5–6)
Bozeman, MT
A. 31 St. Mary's
S. 7 at Stephen F. Austin
S. 21 at Washington State
S. 28 Rocky Mountain Coll.
O. 5 Central Washington
O. 12 at Idaho State
O. 19 Weber State
O. 26 at Northern Arizona
N. 2 at Sacramento State
N. 9 Eastern Washington
N. 16 Portland State
N. 23 at Montana

NORTHERN ARIZONA (8–4)
Flagstaff, AZ
A. 29 at Arizona
S. 7 at Cal Poly
S. 14 Sam Houston
S. 28 Portland State
O. 5 Weber State
O. 12 Sacramento State
O. 19 at Eastern Washington
O. 26 Montana State
N. 2 at Montana
N. 9 at Idaho State
N. 16 at St. Mary's

PORTLAND STATE (7–4)
Portland, OR
A. 31 Stephen F. Austin
S. 14 NC A&T
S. 21 at Oregon
S. 28 at Northern Arizona
O. 5 SW Texas State
O. 12 Eastern Washington
O. 19 at Sacramento State
O. 26 Montana
N. 2 Idaho State
N. 9 at Weber State
N. 16 at Montana State

SACRAMENTO ST. (2–9)
Sacramento, CA
A. 31 at UTEP
S. 7 at Saint Mary's
S. 21 Cal Poly
S. 28 at Idaho State
O. 5 UC Davis
O. 12 at Northern Arizona
O. 19 Portland State
O. 26 at Eastern Washington
N. 2 Montana State
N. 9 at Montana
N. 16 Weber State
N. 23 Humboldt State

WEBER STATE (3–8)
Ogden, UT
A. 31 at New Mexico
S. 14 Western State
S. 21 Eastern Oregon
O. 5 at Northern Arizona
O. 12 Montana
O. 19 at Montana State
O. 26 at Idaho State
N. 2 Eastern Washington
N. 9 Portland State
N. 16 at Sacramento State
N. 23 at Cal Poly

BIG SOUTH

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (5–6)
Charleston, SC
A. 31 VMI
S. 7 North Greenville
S. 14 at Presbyterian
S. 21 West Virginia State
S. 28 at West Liberty
O. 12 at Savannah State
O. 19 at Liberty
O. 26 Jacksonville
N. 2 at South Florida
N. 9 Gardner-Webb
N. 16 Elon
N. 21 at The Citadel

ELON (2–9)
Elon, NC
S. 7 Florida International
S. 14 at Furman
S. 21 Johnson C. Smith
S. 28 at NC A&T
O. 5 at Northwestern State
O. 12 at Gardner-Webb
O. 19 at East Tenn. State
N. 2 Hofstra
N. 9 Liberty
N. 16 at Charleston Southern
N. 23 Wofford

GARDNER-WEBB (5–4)
Boiling Springs, NC
A. 31 Morgan State
S. 7 at Georgia Southern
S. 14 East Tenn. State
S. 21 at Chattanooga
O. 5 at Liberty
O. 12 Elon
O. 26 at Florida International
N. 2 Tennessee-Martin
N. 9 at Charleston Southern
N. 16 Savannah State

LIBERTY (3–8)
Lynchburg, VA
A. 31 Western Carolina
S. 7 West Liberty
S. 21 Appalachian State
S. 28 at UCF
O. 5 Gardner-Webb
O. 12 at Akron
O. 19 Charleston Southern
O. 26 at VMI
N. 2 Eastern Kentucky
N. 9 at Elon
N. 23 at Hofstra

GATEWAY

ILLINOIS STATE (2–9)
Normal, IL
A. 31 at Purdue
S. 7 Quincy
S. 21 Murray State
S. 28 at Eastern Illinois
O. 5 SW Missouri State
O. 12 at Western Illinois
O. 19 Southern Illinois
O. 26 at Northern Iowa
N. 2 at Western Kentucky
N. 9 Youngstown State
N. 16 at Indiana State

INDIANA STATE (3–7)
Terre Haute, IN
A. 29 at Western Michigan
S. 7 Cumberland
S. 14 at Ball State
S. 21 at Eastern Illinois
S. 28 Murray State
O. 5 at Youngstown State
O. 12 SW Missouri State
O. 19 at Western Illinois
O. 26 at Western Kentucky
N. 2 Northern Iowa
N. 9 at Southern Illinois
N. 16 Illinois State

NORTHERN IOWA (11–3)
Cedar Falls, IA
A. 29 Wayne State (MI)
S. 7 at Oklahoma State
S. 21 Stephen F. Austin
S. 28 at Cal Poly
O. 5 Western Kentucky
O. 12 at Southern Illinois
O. 19 at Youngstown State
O. 26 Illinois State
N. 2 at Indiana State
N. 9 Western Illinois
N. 16 SW Missouri State

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (1–9)
Carbondale, IL
A. 31 Kentucky Wesleyan
S. 7 SE Missouri State
S. 14 at Murray State
S. 21 West Virginia Tech
S. 28 at Eastern Michigan
O. 5 Western Illinois
O. 12 Northern Iowa
O. 19 at Illinois State
O. 26 at SW Missouri State
N. 2 at Youngstown State
N. 9 Indiana State
N. 16 Western Kentucky

SW MISSOURI STATE (5–5)
Springfield, MO
A. 29 East Central
S. 7 at Hampton
S. 14 at Kansas
S. 21 SE Missouri State
S. 28 Youngstown State
O. 5 at Illinois State
O. 12 at Indiana State
O. 19 Western Kentucky
O. 26 Southern Illinois
N. 2 Western Illinois
N. 16 at Northern Iowa

WESTERN ILLINOIS (5–5)
Macomb, IL
A. 29 Drake
S. 14 at Western Kentucky
S. 21 at Northern Illinois
S. 28 Sam Houston
O. 5 at Southern Illinois
O. 12 Illinois State
O. 19 Indiana State
O. 26 Youngstown State
N. 2 at SW Missouri State
N. 9 at Northern Iowa
N. 16 at Southern Utah

WESTERN KENTUCKY (8–4)
Bowling Green, KY
A. 31 at Kansas State
S. 7 Kentucky State
S. 14 Western Illinois
S. 21 Youngstown State
S. 28 at McNeese State
O. 5 at Northern Iowa
O. 12 Florida International
O. 19 at SW Missouri State
O. 26 Indiana State
N. 2 Illinois State
N. 16 at Southern Illinois

YOUNGSTOWN ST.(8–3)
Youngstown, OH
A. 29 Clarion
S. 7 McNeese State
S. 21 at Western Kentucky
S. 28 at SW Missouri State
O. 5 Indiana State
O. 12 at Florida Atlantic
O. 19 Northern Iowa
O. 26 at Western Illinois
N. 2 Southern Illinois
N. 9 at Illinois State
N. 23 Samford

IVY

BROWN (6–3)
Providence, RI
S. 21 at Towson
S. 28 Harvard
O. 5 at Rhode Island
O. 12 at Fordham
O. 19 at Princeton
O. 26 Cornell
N. 2 at Penn
N. 9 Yale
N. 16 at Dartmouth
N. 23 Columbia

COLUMBIA (3–7)
New York, NY
S. 21 Fordham
S. 28 at Colgate
O. 5 Princeton
O. 12 Lafayette
O. 19 at Penn
O. 26 Dartmouth
N. 2 at Yale
N. 9 at Harvard
N. 16 Cornell
N. 23 at Brown

CORNELL (2–7)
Ithaca, NY
S. 21 at Bucknell
S. 28 Yale
O. 5 Towson
O. 12 at Harvard
O. 19 Colgate
O. 26 at Brown
N. 2 Princeton
N. 9 Dartmouth
N. 16 at Columbia
N. 23 Penn

DARTMOUTH (1–8)
Hanover, NH
S. 21 at Colgate
S. 28 New Hampshire
O. 5 at Penn
O. 12 Yale
O. 19 Holy Cross
O. 26 at Columbia
N. 2 Harvard
N. 9 at Cornell
N. 16 Brown
N. 23 at Princeton

HARVARD (9–0)
Cambridge, MA
S. 21 Holy Cross
S. 28 at Brown
O. 5 at Lehigh
O. 12 Cornell
O. 19 Northeastern
O. 26 at Princeton
N. 2 at Dartmouth
N. 9 Columbia
N. 16 at Penn
N. 23 Yale

PENN (8–1)
Philadelphia, PA
S. 21 at Lafayette
S. 28 Lehigh
O. 5 Dartmouth
O. 10 at Villanova
O. 19 Columbia
O. 26 at Yale
N. 2 Brown
N. 9 at Princeton
N. 16 Harvard
N. 23 at Cornell

PRINCETON (3–6)
Princeton, NJ
S. 21 at Lehigh
S. 28 Lafayette
O. 5 at Columbia
O. 12 Colgate
O. 19 Brown
O. 26 Harvard
N. 2 at Cornell
N. 9 Penn
N. 16 at Yale
N. 23 Dartmouth

YALE (3–6)
New Haven, CT
S. 21 San Diego
S. 28 at Cornell
O. 5 Holy Cross
O. 12 at Dartmouth
O. 19 at Lehigh
O. 26 Penn
N. 2 Columbia
N. 9 at Brown
N. 16 Princeton
N. 23 at Harvard

MAAC

CANISIUS (1–8)
Buffalo, NY
S. 7 at St. John's
S. 14 at Marist
S. 21 Siena
S. 28 St. Peter's
O. 5 at Iona
O. 12 La Salle
O. 19 at Albany
O. 26 at Fairfield
N. 2 at Dayton
N. 9 Duquesne
N. 16 at Stony Brook

DUQUESNE (8–3)
Pittsburgh, PA
S. 7 Bucknell
S. 14 at Siena
S. 21 Marist
S. 28 at Dayton
O. 5 Lafayette
O. 12 at St. Peter's
O. 19 St. John's
O. 26 at La Salle
N. 2 Iona
N. 9 at Canisius
N. 16 Fairfield

FAIRFIELD (5–5)
Fairfield, CT
A. 31 Fairmont State
S. 14 at La Salle
S. 21 at Georgetown
S. 28 Fordham
O. 5 at Marist
O. 12 Iona
O. 19 at Siena
O. 26 Canisius
N. 2 St. Peter's
N. 9 St. John's
N. 16 at Duquesne

IONA (3–5)
New Rochelle, NY
S. 7 Siena
S. 14 at Wagner
S. 20 at St. John's
S. 28 Montclair State
O. 5 Canisius
O. 12 at Fairfield
O. 19 La Salle
O. 26 at Marist
N. 2 at Duquesne
N. 9 St. Peter's
N. 16 at Sacred Heart

LA SALLE (5–4)
Philadelphia, PA
S. 7 Wagner
S. 14 Fairfield
S. 21 at St. Peter's
S. 28 Siena
O. 5 at Catholic
O. 12 at Canisius
O. 19 at Iona
O. 26 Duquesne
N. 2 St. Francis
N. 9 Marist
N. 16 at St. John's

MARIST (3–6)
Poughkeepsie, NY
S. 7 Sacred Heart
S. 14 Canisius
S. 21 at Duquesne
S. 28 Wagner
O. 5 Fairfield
O. 12 St. John's
O. 19 at St. Peter's
O. 26 Iona
N. 2 at Georgetown
N. 9 at La Salle
N. 16 at Siena

SIENA (1–8)
Loudonville, NY
S. 7 at Iona
S. 14 Duquesne
S. 21 at Canisius
S. 28 at La Salle
O. 5 at St. Peter's
O. 12 at Sacred Heart
O. 19 Fairfield
O. 26 Stony Brook
N. 2 St. John's
N. 16 Marist

ST. JOHN'S (1–9)
New York, NY
S. 7 Canisius
S. 14 at Stony Brook
S. 20 Iona
S. 28 at Central Conn. State
O. 12 at Marist
O. 19 at Duquesne
O. 26 St. Peter's
N. 2 at Siena
N. 9 at Fairfield
N. 16 La Salle

ST. PETER'S (10–1)
Jersey City, NJ
A. 29 at Florida International
S. 7 at Fordham
S. 14 at St. Francis
S. 21 La Salle
S. 28 at Canisius
O. 5 Siena
O. 12 Duquesne
O. 19 Marist
O. 26 at St. John's
N. 2 at Fairfield
N. 9 at Iona

MEAC

BETHUNE-COOKMAN (6–4)
Daytona Beach, FL
A. 31 Savannah State@
S. 7 at Florida Atlantic
S. 14 at Morris Brown
S. 21 at Florida Int.%
S. 28 Norfolk State
O. 5 at Morgan State
O. 12 Delaware State
O. 19 at SC State
N. 2 at NC A&T
N. 9 at Hampton
N. 16 Howard
N. 23 Florida A&M#
@Jacksonville, FL
%Fort Lauderdale, FL
#Orlando, FL

DELAWARE STATE (5–6)
Dover, DE
A. 31 at Morris Brown
S. 7 Savannah State
S. 21 Florida A&M
O. 5 Hampton
O. 12 at Bethune-Cookman
O. 26 at Morgan State
N. 2 SC State
N. 9 NC A&T
N. 16 at Norfolk State
N. 23 at Howard

FLORIDA A&M (6–4)
Tallahassee, FL
A. 31 at Miami
S. 7 Morris Brown
S. 14 Morgan State%
S. 21 at Delaware State
S. 28 Tennessee State$
O. 5 SC State
O. 12 Howard
O. 19 NC A&T
O. 26 at Norfolk State
N. 2 Hampton
N. 9 Troy State@
N. 23 Bethune-Cookman#
%Cincinnati, OH
$Atlanta, GA
@Mobile, AL
#Orlando, FL

HAMPTON (7–4)
Hampton, VA
A. 31 at James Madison
S. 7 SW Missouri State
S. 14 Howard
S. 21 Alcorn State@
O. 5 at Delaware State
O. 12 Bowie State
O. 19 Norfolk State
O. 26 at SC State
N. 2 at Florida A&M
N. 9 Bethune-Cookman
N. 16 NC A&T
N. 23 at Morgan State
@New York, NY

HOWARD (2–9)
Washington, DC
S. 7 Texas Southern
S. 14 at Hampton
S. 21 Maine
S. 28 at Morris Brown
O. 12 at Florida A&M
O. 19 Morgan State
O. 26 NC A&T
N. 2 Norfolk State
N. 9 at SC State
N. 16 at Bethune-Cookman
N. 23 Delaware State

MORGAN STATE (2–8)
Baltimore, MD
A. 31 at Gardner-Webb
S. 7 at Towson
S. 14 Florida A&M@
S. 21 Monmouth
O. 5 Bethune-Cookman
O. 12 at NC A&T
O. 19 at Howard
O. 26 Delaware State
N. 2 Morris Brown
N. 9 at Norfolk State
N. 16 at SC State
N. 23 Hampton
@Cincinnati, OH

NC A&T (8–3)
Greensboro, NC
A. 31 NC Central#
S. 7 Jackson State
S. 14 at Portland State
S. 28 Elon
O. 5 Norfolk State
O. 12 Morgan State
O. 19 at Florida A&M
O. 26 at Howard
N. 2 Bethune-Cookman
N. 9 at Delaware State
N. 16 at Hampton
N. 23 SC State@
#Raleigh, NC
@Atlanta, GA

NORFOLK STATE (5–6)
Norfolk, VA
A. 31 Virginia State
S. 14 Savannah State@
S. 28 at Bethune-Cookman
O. 5 at NC A&T
O.12 SC State
O. 19 at Hampton
O. 26 Florida A&M
N. 2 at Howard
N. 9 Morgan State
N. 16 Delaware State
N. 23 Morris Brown
@Orangeburg, SC

SC STATE (6–5)
Orangeburg, SC
S. 7 Benedict@
S. 14 Wofford
S. 21 at Savannah State
O. 5 at Florida A&M
O. 12 at Norfolk State
O. 19 Bethune-Cookman
O. 26 Hampton
N. 2 at Delaware State
N. 9 Howard
N. 16 Morgan State
N. 23 NC A&T#
@Columbia, SC
#Atlanta, GA

NORTHEAST

ALBANY (7–3)
Albany, NY
S. 7 at Montana
S. 14 Central Conn. State
S. 21 at Sacred Heart
S. 28 at Stony Brook
O. 5 Wagner
O. 12 at Drake
O. 19 Canisius
O. 26 St. Francis
N. 2 at Robert Morris
N. 9 at Florida International
N. 16 Monmouth

CENTRAL CONN. STATE (2–7)
New Britain, CT
A. 31 at Maine
S. 7 at Massachusetts
S. 14 at Albany
S. 21 at Robert Morris
S. 28 St. John's
O. 5 Gannon
O. 12 St. Francis
O. 19 at Monmouth
O. 26 at Sacred Heart
N. 2 Stony Brook
N. 9 Wagner

MONMOUTH (7–3)
W. Long Branch, NJ
S. 7 at Lafayette
S. 14 Sacred Heart
S. 21 at Morgan State
S. 28 at Robert Morris
O. 12 Stony Brook
O. 19 Central Conn. State
O. 26 at Wagner
N. 2 Towson
N. 9 St. Francis
N. 16 at Albany

ROBERT MORRIS (6–3)
Corapolis, PA
S.7 Buffalo State
S.14 at Dayton
S.21 Central Conn. State
S.28 Monmouth
O.5 at Sacred Heart
O.12 at Wagner
O.26 at Gannon
N.2 Albany
N.9 at Stony Brook
N.16 at St. Francis

SACRED HEART (11–0)
Fairfield, CT
S. 7 at Marist
S. 14 at Monmouth
S. 21 Albany
S. 28 at St. Francis
O. 5 Robert Morris
O. 12 Siena
O. 19 at Stony Brook
O. 26 Central Conn. State
N. 2 Wagner
N. 16 Iona

ST. FRANCIS (0–10)
Loretto, PA
S. 7 Dayton
S. 14 St. Peter's
S. 28 Sacred Heart
O. 5 Stony Brook
O. 12 at Central Conn. State
O. 19 Wagner
O. 26 at Albany
N. 2 at La Salle
N. 9 at Monmouth
N. 16 Robert Morris

STONY BROOK (3–6)
Stony Brook, NY
S. 14 St. John's
S. 21 at Wagner
S. 28 Albany
O. 5 at St. Francis
O. 12 at Monmouth
O. 19 Sacred Heart
O. 26 at Siena
N. 2 at Central Conn. State
N. 9 Robert Morris
N. 16 Canisius

WAGNER (3–6)
Staten Island, NY
S. 7 at La Salle
S. 14 Iona
S. 21 Stony Brook
S. 28 at Marist
O. 5 at Albany
O. 12 Robert Morris
O. 19 at St. Francis
O. 26 Monmouth
N. 2 at Sacred Heart
N. 9 at Central Conn. State
N. 16 at Jacksonville

OHIO VALLEY

EASTERN ILLINOIS (9–2)
Charleston, IL
A. 31 at Hawaii
S. 14 at Kansas State
S. 21 Indiana State
S. 28 Illinois State
O. 5 at Tennessee Tech
O. 12 Eastern Kentucky
O. 19 at SE Missouri State
N. 2 at Tennessee State
N. 9 Tennessee-Martin
N. 16 Florida Atlantic
N. 23 at Murray State

EASTERN KENTUCKY (8–2)
Richmond, KY
A. 29 at Oregon State
S. 14 at Appalachian State
S. 21 Florida Atlantic
S. 28 Glenville State
O. 5 Tennessee-Martin
O. 12 at Eastern Illinois
O. 19 Murray State
O. 26 at Tennessee Tech
N. 2 at Liberty
N. 9 SE Missouri State
N. 21 at Tennessee State

MURRAY STATE (4–6)
Murray, KY
A. 31 at Memphis
S. 14 Southern Illinois
S. 21 at Illinois State
S. 28 at Indiana State
O. 12 Tennessee Tech
O. 19 at Eastern Kentucky
O. 26 SE Missouri State
N. 2 Samford
N. 9 Tennessee State
N. 16 at Tennessee-Martin
N. 23 Eastern Illinois

SE MISSOURI STATE (4–7)
Cape Girardeau, MO
A. 29 Arkansas-Monticello
S. 7 at Southern Illinois
S. 14 at Eastern Michigan
S. 21 at SW Missouri State
S. 28 at Middle Tennessee
O. 5 Tennessee State
O. 12 at Tennessee-Martin
O. 19 Eastern Illinois
O. 26 at Murray State
N. 2 Tennessee Tech
N. 9 at Eastern Kentucky
N. 16 Samford

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (1–10)
Martin, TN
A. 29 Southwest Baptist
S. 5 Tusculum
S. 12 Kentucky Wesleyan
S. 21 at Samford
S. 28 at Arkansas State
O. 5 at Eastern Kentucky
O. 12 SE Missouri State
O. 26 at Tennessee State
N. 2 at Gardner-Webb
N. 9 at Eastern Illinois
N. 16 Murray State
N. 21 at Tennessee Tech

TENNESSEE STATE (8–3)
Nashville, TN
S. 7 Prairie View A&M
S. 14 Jackson State@
S. 21 Grambling#
S. 28 Florida A&M%
O. 5 at SE Missouri State
O. 12 at Alabama A&M
O. 26 Tennessee-Martin
N. 2 Eastern Illinois
N. 9 at Murray State
N. 16 Tennessee Tech
N. 21 Eastern Kentucky
@Memphis, TN
#Las Vegas, NV
%Atlanta, GA

TENNESSEE TECH (7–3)
Cookeville, TN
A. 31 at Bowling Green
S. 7 at Iowa State
S. 14 Chattanooga
S. 21 Valparaiso
S. 28 Jacksonville State
O. 5 Eastern Illinois
O. 12 at Murray State
O. 26 Eastern Kentucky
N. 2 at SE Missouri State
N. 9 at Samford
N. 16 at Tennessee State
N. 21 Tennessee-Martin


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S. 14 Campbellsville
S. 21 at Tennessee Tech
S. 28 at St. Joseph's (IN)
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O. 12 Furman
O. 19 at Georgia Southern
O. 26 Wofford
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N. 9 VMI
N. 16 at Western Carolina

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Chattanooga, TN
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O. 19 VMI
O. 26 at Western Carolina
N. 2 Appalachian State
N. 9 at The Citadel
N. 16 East Tenn. State
N. 23 at Furman

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O. 26 Georgia Southern
N. 2 at Wofford
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S. 14 at Gardner-Webb
S. 21 VMI
S. 28 at Western Carolina
O. 5 Appalachian State
O. 12 at The Citadel
O. 19 Elon
O. 26 Furman
N. 2 at Georgia Southern
N. 9 Wofford
N. 16 at Chattanooga

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Statesboro, GA
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S. 7 Gardner-Webb
S. 21 Wofford
S. 28 at Chattanooga
O. 5 VMI
O. 12 at Western Carolina
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N. 9 at Furman
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O. 12 at VMI
O. 19 Western Carolina
O. 26 at Appalachian State
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N. 9 at East Tenn. State
N. 16 Furman
N. 23 at Elon

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O. 19 at SW Texas State
O. 26 Northwestern State
N. 9 at Sam Houston
N. 23 at McNeese State

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N. 9 at Jacksonville State
N. 16 McNeese
N. 23 at Stephen F. Austin
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S. 28 at Western Illinois
O. 12 at Jacksonville State
O. 19 at Stephen F. Austin
O. 26 McNeese State
N. 2 at Northwestern State
N. 9 Nicholls State
N. 23 SW Texas State

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (5–5)
Nacogdoches, TX
A. 31 at Portland State
S. 7 Montana State
S. 21 at Northern Iowa
S. 28 Indiana State
O. 5 Southern Utah
O. 12 at Nicholls State
O. 19 Sam Houston
O. 26 at Jacksonville State
N. 2 McNeese State
N. 16 at SW Texas State
N. 23 Northwestern State

SW TEXAS STATE (4–7)
San Marcos, TX
A. 31 at Minnesota
S. 7 Texas A&M-Kingsville
S. 21 Texas Southern
S. 28 Southern Utah
O. 5 at Portland State
O. 12 at Northwestern State
O. 19 Nicholls State
N. 2 Jacksonville State
N. 9 at McNeese State
N. 16 Stephen F. Austin
N. 23 at Sam Houston

SWAC

ALABAMA A&M (4–7)
Huntsville, AL
A. 31 at Jacksonville State
S. 14 Grambling
S. 21 Prairie View A&M
S. 28 at Texas Southern
O. 6 Southern@
O. 12 Tennessee State
O. 19 Miss. Valley State
O. 26 Alabama State#
N. 9 at Jackson State
N. 16 Alcorn State
N. 23 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
@Indianapolis, IN
#Birmingham, AL

ALABAMA STATE (8–4)
Montgomery, AL
S. 7 at Chattanooga
S. 14 Texas Southern
S. 28 at Alcorn State
O. 5 Morris Brown
O. 12 Jackson State@
O. 26 Alabama A&M%
N. 9 at Grambling
N. 16 Miss. Valley State
@Mobile, AL
%Birmingham, AL

ALCORN STATE (6–5)
Lorman, MS
A. 31 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 7 at Grambling
S. 21 Hampton@
S. 28 Alabama State
O. 5 Fort Valley State
O. 12 at Prairie View A&M
O. 19 at Samford
N. 2 at Cal Poly
N. 9 at Miss. Valley State
N. 16 at Alabama A&M
N. 23 at Jackson State
@East Rutherford, NJ

ARK-PINE BLUFF (4–7)
Pine Bluff, AR
A. 31 at Alcorn State
S. 7 at Miss. Valley State
S. 14 Southern
S. 28 Kentucky State@
O. 12 at Texas Southern
O. 19 Grambling#
N. 2 Jackson State
N. 9 Prairie View A&M
N. 16 Lane College
N. 23 Alabama A&M
@St. Louis, MO
#Shreveport, LA

GRAMBLING (10–1)
Grambling, LA
A. 31 at McNeese State
S. 7 Alcorn State
S. 14 at Alabama A&M
S. 21 Tennessee State@
S. 28 Langston
O. 5 Prairie View A&M#
O. 19 Arkansas-Pine Bluff%
O. 26 Jackson State
N. 2 at Texas Southern
N. 9 Alabama State
N. 16 at Morris Brown
N. 30 Southern!
@Las Vegas, NV, #Dallas, TX
%Shreveport, LA, !New Orleans, LA

JACKSON STATE (7–4)
Jackson, MS
A. 31 at Southern Miss
S. 7 at NC A&T
S. 14 Tennessee State@
S. 21 Southern#
S. 28 Miss. Valley State
O. 12 Alabama State%
O. 26 at Grambling
N. 2 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N. 9 Alabama A&M
N. 16 Prairie View A&M
N. 23 Alcorn State
@Memphis, TN
#New Orleans, LA
%Mobile, AL

MISS. VALLEY STATE (0–11)
Itta Bena, MS
S. 7 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 14 Delta State
S. 21 at Sam Houston
S. 28 at Jackson State
O. 5 Paul Quinn
O. 12 at Southern
O. 19 at Alabama A&M
O. 26 at Texas Southern
N. 2 Prairie View A&M
N. 9 Alcorn State
N. 16 at Alabama State

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (3–7)
Prairie View, TX
A. 31 at Texas Southern
S. 7 at Tennessee State
S. 14 at Texas A&M-Kingsville
S. 21 at Alabama A&M
O. 5 Grambling@
O. 12 Alcorn State
O. 19 at Paul Quinn
O. 26 Southern#
N. 2 at Miss. Valley State
N. 9 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N. 16 at Jackson State
@Dallas, TX #Houston, TX

SOUTHERN (7–4)
Baton Rouge, LA
A. 31 Tulane@
S. 7 Northwestern State%
S. 14 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 21 Jackson State@
S. 28 Nicholls State
O. 6 Alabama A&M#
O. 12 Miss. Valley State
O. 26 Prairie View A&M&
N. 9 Miles College
N. 16 Texas Southern
N. 30 Grambling@
@New Orleans, LA
%Shreveport, LA
#Indianapolis, IN
&Houston, TX

TEXAS SOUTHERN (3–7)
Houston, TX
A. 31 Prairie View A&M
S. 7 at Howard
S. 14 at Alabama State
S. 21 at SW Texas State
S. 28 Alabama A&M
O. 12 Arkansas Pine-Bluff
O. 19 at Stillman
O. 26 Miss. Valley State
N. 2 Grambling
N. 9 Clark Atlanta
N. 16 at Southern

I-AA INDEPENDENTS

CAL POLY (6–5)
San Luis Obispo, CA
A. 29 at Toledo
S. 7 Northern Arizona
S. 14 at Kent State
S. 21 at Sacramento State
S. 28 Northern Iowa
O. 12 at Southern Utah
O. 19 at St. Mary's
O. 26 UC Davis
N. 2 Alcorn State
N. 9 Humboldt State
N. 16 at Idaho State
N. 23 Weber State

FLORIDA ATLANTIC (4–6)
Boca Raton, FL
A. 29 at South Florida
S. 7 Bethune-Cookman
S. 14 at James Madison
S. 21 at Eastern Kentucky
O. 5 at Nicholls State
O. 12 Youngstown State
O. 26 at Troy State
N. 2 at Connecticut
N. 9 Morris Brown
N. 16 at Eastern Illinois
N. 23 Florida International@
@Pro Player Stadium

FLORIDA INTN'L (0–0)
Miami, FL
A. 29 St. Peter's
S. 7 at Elon
S. 14 Butler
S. 21 Bethune-Cookman@
S. 28 Georgetown
O. 12 at Western Kentucky
O. 19 Maine
O. 26 Gardner-Webb
N. 2 Jacksonville
N. 9 Albany
N. 23 Florida Atlantic#
@Ft. Lauderdale, FL
#Pro Player Stadium

MORRIS BROWN (5–6)
Atlanta, GA
A. 31 Delaware State
S. 7 at Florida A&M
S. 14 Bethune-Cookman
S. 21 at Clark Atlanta
S. 28 Howard
O. 5 at Alabama State
O. 19 Savannah State@
O. 26 Samford
N. 2 at Morgan State
N. 9 at Florida Atlantic
N. 16 Grambling
N. 23 at Norfolk State
@Augusta, GA

SAMFORD (5–5)
Birmingham, AL
A. 29 North Alabama
S. 7 at Baylor
S. 14 Nicholls State
S. 21 Tennessee-Martin
O. 5 at Jacksonville State
O. 19 Alcorn State
O. 26 at Morris Brown
N. 2 at Murray State
N. 9 Tennessee Tech
N. 16 at SE Missouri State
N. 23 at Youngstown State

SAVANNAH STATE (2–7)
Savannah, GA
A. 31 Bethune-Cookman@
S. 7 at Delaware State
S. 14 Norfolk State%
S. 21 SC State
O. 12 Charleston Southern
O. 19 Morris Brown#
N. 16 at Gardner-Webb
@Jacksonville, FL
%Orangeburg, SC
#Augusta, GA

SOUTHERN UTAH (2–9)
Cedar City, UT
S. 7 Mesa State
S. 14 at Troy State
S. 21 Eastern Washington
S. 28 at SW Texas State
O. 5 at Stephen F. Austin
O. 12 Cal Poly
O. 19 at Montana
O. 26 St. Mary's
N. 2 at Arkansas State
N. 16 Western Illinois
N. 23 Idaho State

ST. MARY'S (6–5)
Moraga, CA
A. 31 at Montana State
S. 7 Sacramento State
S. 14 Bucknell
S. 21 at Central Washington
S. 28 Western Washington
O. 5 at Humboldt State
O. 12 at Holy Cross
O. 19 Cal Poly
O. 26 at Southern Utah
N. 2 at UC Davis
N. 9 Drake
N. 16 Northern Arizona

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National Top 100 Freshmen of 2002

	Player	POS	HT	WT	Hometown	Signed By
1.	Vincent Young	QB	6'5"	200	Houston, TX	Texas
2.	Ryan Moore	WR	6'3"	185	Orlando, FL	Miami
3.	Lorenzo Booker	RB	5'11"	178	Ventura, CA	Florida State
4.	Rodrique Wright	DL	6'5"	320	Alief, TX	Texas
5.	Gerald Riggs Jr.	RB	5'11"	217	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee
6.	Chris Davis	WR	6'0"	170	St. Petersburg, FL	Florida State
7.	Ciatrick Fason	RB	6'1"	200	Neptune Beach, FL	Florida
8.	Ben Olson	QB	6'4"	210	Thousand Oaks, CA	BYU
9.	Max Jean-Giles	OL	6'5"	340	Miami, FL	Georgia
10.	Mike D'Andrea	LB	6'3"	240	Avon Lake, OH	Ohio State
11.	Larry Dibbles	DL	6'4"	280	Lancaster, TX	Texas
12.	Reggie McNeal	QB	6'3"	190	Lufkin, TX	Texas A&M
13.	Pat Watkins	DB	6'4"	195	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State
14.	Deljuan Robinson	DL	6'4"	270	Hernando, MS	Miss. State
15.	Nathan Rhodes	OL	6'7"	305	Bakersfield, CA	Washington
16.	Brandon Jefferies	OL	6'5"	275	Shelby, NC	Tennessee
17.	Michael Johnson	RB	5'10"	187	Newport News, VA	Virginia
18.	Ahmad Brooks	LB	6'4"	242	Woodbridge, VA	Virginia
19.	Haloti Ngata	DL	6'4"	324	Salt Lake City, UT	Oregon
20.	Leon Washington	ATH	5'9"	180	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State
21.	Winston Justice	OL	6'6"	305	Long Beach, CA	USC
22.	Derek Morris	OL	6'6"	360	Huntersville, NC	Ohio State
23.	Ricardo Hurley	LB	6'2"	220	Greenwood, SC	S. Carolina
24.	Bryan Pickryl	DE	6'5"	210	Tulsa, OK	Texas
25.	Dishon Platt	WR	6'0"	180	Punta Gorda, FL	Florida State
26.	Justin Blalock	OL	6'4"	340	Plano, TX	Texas
27.	Jerious Norwood	RB	6'1"	190	Brandon, MS	Miss. State
28.	Marquis Johnson	WR	6'4"	200	Champaign, IL	Texas
29.	Julian Jenkins	DE	6'4"	240	Atlanta, GA	Stanford
30.	Kedric Golston	DL	6'4"	285	Tyrone, GA	Georgia
31.	Darren Williams	DB	6'3"	215	Clarksdale, MS	Miss. State
32.	Devin Hester	WR	5'11"	168	Riviera Beach, FL	Miami
33.	James Banks	QB	6'3"	195	Indianapolis, IN	Tennessee
34.	Gavin Dickey	QB	6'0"	190	Tallahassee, FL	Florida
35.	Trent Edwards	QB	6'4"	195	Los Gatos, CA	Stanford
36.	Parys Haralson	LB	6'2"	235	Flora, MS	Tennessee
37.	Chris Anderson	DL	6'3"	275	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State
38.	Richard Washington	WR	6'1"	175	Ft. Myers, FL	NC State
39.	Marcus Vick	QB	6'1"	190	Newport News, VA	Virginia Tech
40.	Justin Zwick	QB	6'4"	215	Massillon, OH	Ohio State
41.	Robert Timmons	WR	6'2"	205	Flower Mound, TX	Texas
42.	Ben Obomanu	WR	6'3"	185	Selma, AL	Auburn
43.	Marvin Byrdsong	LB	6'3"	230	Longview, TX	Miss. State
44.	Maurice Clarett	RB	6'0"	240	Warren, OH	Ohio State
45.	Lonnie Davis	TE	6'4"	255	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State
46.	Jason Allen	DB	6'2"	200	Muscle Shoals, AL	Tennessee
47.	Tyler Palko	QB	6'2"	200	Imperial, PA	Pittsburgh
48.	Marcedes Lewis	TE	6'6"	240	Long Beach, CA	UCLA
49.	Gabriel Watson	DL	6'4"	334	Novi, MI	Michigan
50.	Rhema McKnight	WR	6'2"	190	La Palma, CA	Notre Dame
51.	Derek Landri	DL	6'2"	275	Concord, CA	Notre Dame
52.	Manuel Wright	DL	6'6"	285	Compton, CA	USC
53.	Zach Latimer	LB	6'3"	215	Denver, CO	Oklahoma
54.	Eric Winston	TE	6'5"	260	Midland, TX	Miami
55.	David Richard Jr.	RB	6'1"	234	St. Louis, MO	Mich. State
56.	Jason Carter	DB	6'0"	178	Tulsa, OK	Oklahoma
57.	A.J. Davis	ATH	6'0"	177	Durham, NC	NC State
58.	Tamba Hali	DE	6'4"	255	Teaneck, NJ	Penn State
59.	DeShawn Wynn	RB	6'0"	215	Cincinnati, OH	Florida
60.	Kyle Williams	OL	6'6"	280	Dallas, TX	USC
61.	Travis Leitko	DL	6'6"	250	The Woodlands, TX	Notre Dame
62.	Aaron Harris	LB	6'0"	230	Mesquite, TX	Texas
63.	Kyle Brown	RB	6'1"	195	West Bloomfield, MI	Mich. State
64.	Doug Datish	OL	6'5"	290	Warren, OH	Ohio State
65.	Marcus Jackson	DE	6'3"	235	Norcross, GA	Georgia
66.	Maurice Stovall	WR	6'5"	205	Philadelphia, PA	Notre Dame
67.	Marco Martin	DL	6'4"	331	Mesquite, TX	Texas
68.	Jarrad Page	DB	6'0"	200	San Leandro, CA	UCLA
69.	Michael Hawkins	DB	6'2"	180	Carrollton, TX	Oklahoma
70.	Darnell Bing	DB	6'2"	220	Lakewood, CA	USC
71.	Kamerion Wimbley	DL	6'4"	225	Wichita, KS	Florida State
72.	Chase Pittman	DE	6'5"	265	Shreveport, LA	Texas
73.	Eric McNeal	DB	6'2"	191	Gardena, CA	UCLA
74.	James Bonelli	OL	6'6"	285	Ventura, CA	Notre Dame
75.	Jonathan Wade	WR	5'11"	180	Shreveport, LA	Tennessee
76.	Montavis Pitts	ATH	6'1"	180	Loachapoka, AL	Auburn
77.	Kai Parham	LB	6'3"	233	Virginia Beach, VA	Virginia
78.	Devin Aromashodu	WR	6'2"	185	Miami Springs, FL	Auburn
79.	Heath Benedict	OL	6'6"	285	Greer, SC	Tennessee
80.	David Horne	RB	6'0"	192	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
81.	Aaron Miller	DB	6'1"	175	Fresno, CA	Oklahoma
82.	Chris Baker	WR	6'1"	185	Osceola, AR	Arkansas
83.	Quinn Pitcock	DL	6'4"	285	Piqua, OH	Ohio State
84.	Anthony Martinez	QB	6'3"	217	Montpelier, VA	Virginia
85.	Selvin Young	RB	6'0"	195	Houston, TX	Texas
86.	Glenn Ohaeri	RB	5'9"	190	San Bernardino, CA	UCLA
87.	Matt Gutierrez	QB	6'4"	210	Concord, CA	Michigan
88.	Edorian McCullough	DB	5'11"	175	Garland, TX	Texas
89.	Neale Tweedie	OL	6'5"	255	Lucas, TX	Texas
90.	Albert Hardy	RB	5'11"	215	Houston, TX	Texas
91.	William Cooper	DB	6'1"	180	Flint, MI	Michigan
92.	Aaron Kirkland	ATH	6'4"	250	Fayetteville, NC	Tennessee
93.	DaBryan Blanton	WR	5'11"	170	Forney, TX	Oklahoma
94.	Jonathan Mapu	DL	6'3"	265	Kahuku, HI	Tennessee
95.	Jason Avant	WR	6'2"	200	Chicago, IL	Michigan
96.	Hershel Dennis	RB	5'11"	190	Long Beach, CA	USC
97.	Isaiah Stanback	QB	6'3"	190	Seattle, WA	Washington
98.	Randy Hand	OL	6'4"	315	Fort Myers, FL	Florida
99.	Nate Harris	LB	6'2"	205	Miami, FL	Miami
100.	Jabari Levey	OL	6'7"	295	Moncks Corner, SC	S. Carolina

National Top 50 Recruiting Classes of 2002

1. TEXAS
2. OHIO STATE
3. TENNESSEE
4. GEORGIA
5. FLORIDA STATE
6. OKLAHOMA
7. MIAMI
8. UCLA
9. VIRGINIA
10. COLORADO
11. AUBURN
12. SOUTH CAROLINA
13. USC
14. LSU
15. WASHINGTON
16. KANSAS STATE
17. MICHIGAN
18. ARKANSAS
19. ARIZONA STATE
20. MISSISSIPPI STATE
21. NOTRE DAME
22. TEXAS A&M
23. PENN STATE
24. FLORIDA
25. ARIZONA
26. CLEMSON
27. MISSOURI
28. OKLAHOMA STATE
29. MISSISSIPPI
30. IOWA STATE
31. WASHINGTON STATE
32. ALABAMA
33. MICHIGAN STATE
34. WEST VIRGINIA
35. NORTH CAROLINA ST.
36. PURDUE
37. PITTSBURGH
38. MARYLAND
39. BRIGHAM YOUNG
40. NEBRASKA
41. NORTH CAROLINA
42. SYRACUSE
43. ILLINOIS
44. VIRGINIA TECH
45. BOSTON COLLEGE
46. TEXAS TECH
47. OREGON
48. SOUTHERN MISS
49. WISCONSIN
50. IOWA

ACC RANKINGS

1. FSU
2. VIRGINIA
3. CLEMSON
4. NC STATE
5. MARYLAND
6. NORTH CAROLINA
7. DUKE
8. GEORGIA TECH
9. WAKE FOREST

1.	Lorenzo Booker	RB	5'11"	178	Ventura, CA	Florida State
2.	Chris Davis	WR	6'0"	170	St. Petersburg, FL	Florida State
3.	Pat Watkins	DB	6'4"	195	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State
4.	Michael Johnson	RB	5'10"	187	Newport News, VA	Virginia
5.	Ahmad Brooks	LB	6'4"	242	Woodbridge, VA	Virginia
6.	Leon Washington	ATH	5'9"	180	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State
7.	Dishon Platt	WR	6'0"	180	Punta Gorda, FL	Florida State
8.	Chris Anderson	DL	6'3"	275	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State
9.	Richard Washington	WR	6'1"	175	Ft. Myers, FL	NC State
10.	Lonnie Davis	TE	6'4"	255	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State
11.	A.J. Davis	ATH	6'0"	177	Durham, NC	NC State
12.	Kamerion Wimbley	DL	6'4"	225	Wichita, KS	Florida State
13.	Kai Parham	LB	6'3"	233	Virginia Beach, VA	Virginia
14.	Anthony Martinez	QB	6'3"	217	Montpelier, VA	Virginia
15.	AJ Nicholson	LB	6'2"	232	Winston-Salem, NC	Florida State
16.	Buster Davis	LB	5'10"	230	Daytona Beach, FL	Florida State
17.	Damian Spradlin	OL	6'3"	284	Montvale, VA	Virginia
18.	Tristian McLendon	RB	6'2"	220	Albermarle, NC	NC State
19.	Shawne Merriman	LB	6'3"	218	Upper Marlboro, MD	Maryland
20.	Kyle Ralph	OL	6'4"	280	Cincinnati, OH	North Carolina

BIG TEN RANKINGS

1. OHIO STATE
2. MICHIGAN
3. PENN STATE
4. MICHIGAN STATE
5. PURDUE
6. ILLINOIS
7. WISCONSIN
8. IOWA
9. MINNESOTA
10. NORTHWESTERN
11. INDIANA

1.	Mike D'Andrea	LB	6'3"	240	Avon Lake, OH	Ohio State
2.	Derek Morris	OL	6'6"	360	Huntersville, NC	Ohio State
3.	Justin Zwick	QB	6'4"	215	Massillon, OH	Ohio State
4.	Maurice Clarett	RB	6'0"	230	Warren, OH	Ohio State
5.	Gabriel Watson	DL	6'4"	334	Novi, MI	Michigan
6.	David Richard Jr.	RB	6'1"	234	St. Louis, MO	Michigan State
7.	Tamba Hali	DL	6'4"	255	Teaneck, NJ	Penn State
8.	Kyle Brown	WR	6'1"	195	W. Bloomfield, MI	Michigan State
9.	Doug Datish	OL	6'5"	290	Warren, OH	Ohio State
10.	Quinn Pitcock	DL	6'4"	285	Piqua, OH	Ohio State
11.	Matt Gutierrez	QB	6'4"	210	Concord, CA	Michigan
12.	William Cooper	DB	6'1"	180	Flint, MI	Michigan
13.	Jason Avant	WR	6'2"	200	Chicago, IL	Michigan
14.	Brandon Snow	RB	6'2"	225	Newark, DE	Penn State
15.	Nick Mangold	OL	6'4"	270	Kettering, OH	Ohio State
16.	Nate Salley	DB	6'3"	180	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Ohio State
17.	Mark Farris	OL	6'6"	295	Pittsburgh, PA	Penn State
18.	Darnell Hood	RB	5'10"	186	Detroit, MI	Michigan
19.	R.J. Coleman	TE	6'5"	265	Clarksburg, WV	Ohio State
20.	Drew Stanton	QB	6'4"	216	Farmington Hills, MI	Michigan State

BIG EAST RANKINGS

1. MIAMI
2. WEST VIRGINIA
3. PITTSBURGH
4. SYRACUSE
5. VIRGINIA TECH
6. BOSTON COLLEGE
7. RUTGERS
8. TEMPLE

1.	Ryan Moore	WR	6'3"	185	Orlando, FL	Miami
2.	Devin Hester	WR	5'11"	168	Riviera Beach, FL	Miami
3.	Marcus Vick	QB	6'1"	190	Newport News, VA	Virginia Tech
4.	Tyler Palko	QB	6'2"	210	Imperial, PA	Pittsburgh
5.	Eric Winston	TE	6'5"	260	Midland, TX	Miami
6.	Nate Harris	LB	6'2"	205	Miami, FL	Miami
7.	Curtis Justus	TE	6'6"	200	Perry, OK	Miami
8.	Jonathan Lewis	DL	6'2"	290	Richmond, VA	Virginia Tech
9.	Will Blackmon	RB	6'0"	175	Cranston, RI	Boston College
10.	Justin Outten	OL	6'3"	265	Chalfont, PA	Syracuse
11.	Jim Unis	DL	6'4"	225	Gloucester, MA	Boston College
12.	Berkeley Hutchinson	LB	6'3"	235	Long Branch, NJ	Rutgers
13.	Marc Guillon	QB	6'4"	190	Orinda, CA	Miami
14.	Akieem Jolla	WR	6'4"	190	New Orleans, LA	Miami
15.	John Wood	DL	6'3"	225	Haileah, FL	Miami
16.	Terrell Walden	DB	6'0"	170	Miami, FL	Miami
17.	Baraka Atkins	DL	6'4"	240	Sarasota, FL	Miami
18.	Kareem Brown	DL	6'0"	250	Miami, FL	Miami
19.	Glenn Sharpe	DB	5'11"	175	Miami, FL	Miami
20.	Greg Threat	DB	6'2"	185	Tallahassee, FL	Miami

BIG 12 RANKINGS

1. TEXAS
2. OKLAHOMA
3. COLORADO
4. KANSAS STATE
5. TEXAS A&M
6. MISSOURI
7. OKLAHOMA STATE
8. IOWA STATE
9. NEBRASKA
10. TEXAS TECH
11. KANSAS
12. BAYLOR

1.	Vincent Young	QB	6'5"	200	Houston, TX	Texas
2.	Rodrique Wright	DL	6'5"	320	Alief, TX	Texas
3.	Larry Dibbles	DL	6'4"	280	Lancaster, TX	Texas
4.	Reggie McNeal	QB	6'3"	190	Lufkin, TX	Texas A&M
5.	Bryan Pickryl	DL	6'5"	210	Tulsa, OK	Texas
6.	Justin Blalock	OL	6'4"	340	Plano, TX	Texas
7.	Marquis Johnson	WR	6'4"	200	Champaign, IL	Texas
8.	Robert Timmons	WR	6'2"	205	Flower Mound, TX	Texas
9.	Zach Latimer	LB	6'3"	215	Denver, CO	Oklahoma
10.	Jason Carter	DB	6'0"	178	Tulsa, OK	Oklahoma
11.	Aaron Harris	LB	6'0"	230	Mesquite, TX	Texas
12.	Marco Martin	DL	6'4"	331	Mesquite, TX	Texas
13.	Michael Hawkins	DB	6'2"	180	Carrollton, TX	Oklahoma
14.	Chase Pittman	DL	6'5"	265	Shreveport, LA	Texas
15.	David Horn	RB	6'0"	192	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
16.	Aaron Miller	DB	6'1"	175	Fresno, CA	Oklahoma
17.	Selvin Young	RB	6'0"	195	Houston, TX	Texas
18.	Edorian McCullough	DB	5'11"	175	Garland, TX	Texas
19.	Neale Tweedie	OL	6'5"	255	Lucas, TX	Texas
20.	Albert Hardy	RB	5'11"	215	Houston, TX	Texas

C-USA RANKINGS

1. SOUTHERN MISS
2. MEMPHIS
3. HOUSTON
4. LOUISVILLE
5. EAST CAROLINA
6. TCU
7. UAB
8. TULANE
9. CINCINNATI
10. ARMY

1.	DeAngelo Williams	RB	5'9"	195	Wynne, AR	Memphis
2.	Robbie D'Angelo	OL	6'2"	285	Gulfport, MS	Southern Miss
3.	Robert Merrill	RB	5'11"	195	San Antonio, TX	TCU
4.	Abe Brown	DB	6'3 "	200	Sarasota, FL	Louisville
5.	Willie Henderson	DT	6'7"	275	Memphis, TN	Memphis
6.	Anthony Johnson	QB	6'3"	220	Duncan, SC	UAB
7.	Roshawn Pope	WR	5'10"	180	Galveston, TX	Houston
8.	John Douchette	TE	6'2"	248	New Orleans, LA	Memphis
9.	Michael Sturgeon	OL	6'3"	270	Louisville, KY	Louisville
10.	Elvis Dumervil	DL	6'0"	240	Miami, FL	Louisville
11.	Chris Crumpton	QB	6'1"	180	Hartselle, AL	Southern Miss
12.	Billy Don Malone	QB	6'2"	180	Blossom, TX	Tulane
13.	L.C. Kirkpatrick	DL	6'2"	250	Houston, TX	Houston
14.	Maurice Avery	QB	6'1"	195	Atlanta, GA	Memphis
15.	Earl Anderson	DL	6'3"	283	San Marcos, TX	TCU
16.	Chad Andrus	TE	6'4"	220	Keller, TX	TCU
17.	Herbert Taylor II	OL	6'4"	245	Sugar Land, TX	TCU
18.	James Pinkney	QB	6'4"	190	Delray Beach, FL	East Carolina
19.	Willie Gaston	DB	5'10"	170	Houston, TX	Houston
20.	Jasper Faulk	RB	6'0"	190	Lafayette, LA	Southern Miss

MOUNTAIN WEST RANKINGS

1. BYU
2. COLORADO STATE
3. UTAH
4. UNLV
5. NEW MEXICO
6. WYOMING
7. SAN DIEGO STATE
8. AIR FORCE

1.	Ben Olson	QB	6'4"	210	Thousand Oaks, CA	BYU
2.	Tristan Walker	RB	6'1"	225	Claremont, CA	Colorado State
3.	Frederick Collins	RB	6'1"	190	India, CA	San Diego State
4.	Taufui Vakapuna	RB	6'0"	210	Salt Lake City, UT	BYU
5.	Aaron Singh	ATH	5'11"	192	Carlsbad, CA	BYU
6.	Marshall Tharpe	QB	6'2"	185	Coto de Caza, CA	Colorado State
7.	Jake Kuresa	DL	6'4"	310	Millville, UT	BYU
8.	Andrew Smart	LB	6'3"	220	Salt Lake City, UT	Utah
9.	Curtis Brown	RB	5'11"	185	Palmdale, CA	BYU
10.	Marcus Crawford	FB	6'3"	210	Newbury Park, CA	UNLV
11.	Deuce Lutui	OL	6'4"	330	Mesa, AZ	Utah
12.	Adam Hayward	LB	6'1"	214	Westminster, CA	Colorado State
13.	Daniel Coats	WR	6'2"	200	Layton, UT	BYU
14.	Jeff Rush	QB	6'3"	230	Phoenix, AZ	Wyoming
15.	Ben Stratton	DB	6'2"	200	Cheyenne, WY	Colorado State
16.	Chase Johnson	OL	6'7"	270	Loveland, CO	Wyoming
17.	Kole McKamey	QB	6'2"	185	Artesia, NM	New Mexico
18.	Michael Leiter	DE	6'4"	235	Mission Viejo, CA	Colorado State
19.	Andrew George	TE	6'4"	210	Englewood, CO	BYU
20.	William Tukuafu	DL	6'3"	270	Salt Lake City, UT	BYU

MAC RANKINGS

1. UCF
2. TOLEDO
3. NORTHERN ILLINOIS
4. BOWLING GREEN
5. BALL STATE
6. OHIO
7. EASTERN MICHIGAN
8. MARSHALL
9. AKRON
10. BUFFALO
11. CENTRAL MICHIGAN
12. WESTERN MICHIGAN
13. MIAMI
14. KENT STATE

1.	Tywin Kalandyk	LB	6'2"	210	Live Oaks, FL	UCF
2.	Chad Mascoe	LB	6'2"	250	Kissimmee, FL	UCF
3.	DeMarcus Johnson	DT	6'4"	295	Tallahassee, FL	UCF
4.	Quinton Broussard	RB	5'9"	180	Carrollton, TX	Toledo
5.	Omar Jacobs	QB	6'4"	215	Delray Beach, FL	Bowling Green
6.	Adrian Davis	RB	5'8"	195	Kenosha, WI	Northern Illinois
7.	Matt Vogele	LB	6'1"	230	North Bend, OH	Miami
8.	"Tank" Tunstalle	RB	6'1"	205	New Richmond, WV	Marshall
9.	Michael Radon	QB	6'1"	175	Buffalo, NY	Buffalo
10.	Larry Peoples	OL	6'6"	290	Jacksonville, FL	UCF
11.	Brad Seiss	RB	6'0"	195	Warsaw, IN	Ball State
12.	Mike Donaldson	OL	6'6"	325	Mansfield, OH	Akron
13.	Jamar Landrum	DB	6'2"	200	Pontiac, MI	Toledo
14.	Mike Berry	DE	6'5"	240	Chicago, IL	Akron
15.	Jamar White	LB	6'3"	235	Dotlon, IL	E. Michigan
16.	Vincent Davis	LB	6'3"	200	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Ball State
17.	Terna Nande	LB	6'1"	210	Grand Rapids, MI	MIAMI
18.	Duane Robinson	DE	6'4"	240	Cudahy, WI	W. Michigan
19.	Eric Karbowski	OL	6'3"	294	Standish, MI	C.I Michigan
20.	Dominic Moran	OL	6'5"	275	Rochester Hills, MI	W. Michigan

PAC-10 RANKINGS

1. UCLA
2. USC
3. WASHINGTON
4. ARIZONA STATE
5. ARIZONA
6. WASHINGTON STATE
7. OREGON
8. OREGON STATE
9. STANFORD
10. CALIFORNIA

1.	Nathan Rhodes	OL	6'7"	305	Bakersfield, CA	Washington
2.	Haloti Ngata	DL	6'4"	324	Salt Lake City, UT	Oregon
3.	Winston Justice	OL	6'6"	305	Long Beach, CA	USC
4.	Julian Jenkins	DL	6'4"	240	Atlanta, GA	Stanford
5.	Trent Edwards	QB	6'4"	195	Los Gatos, CA	Stanford
6.	Marcedes Lewis	TE	6'6"	240	Long Beach, CA	UCLA
7.	Manuel Wright	DL	6'6"	285	Compton, CA	USC
8.	Kyle Williams	OL	6'6"	280	Dallas, TX	USC
9.	Jarrad Page	DB	6'0"	200	San Leandro, CA	UCLA
10.	Darnell Bing	DB	6'2"	220	Lakewood, CA	USC
11.	Eric McNeal	DB	6'2"	191	Gardena, CA	UCLA
12.	Glenn Ohaeri	RB	5'9"	190	San Bernardino, CA	UCLA
13.	Hershel Dennis	RB	5'11"	175	Long Beach, CA	USC
14.	Isaiah Stanback	QB	6'3"	190	Seattle, WA	Washington
15.	Drew Olson	QB	6'2"	188	Piedmont, CA	UCLA
16.	Chris Doyle	OL	6'1"	285	Newport Beach, CA	USC
17.	Brandon Hancock	RB	6'2"	245	Fresno, CA	USC
18.	Donny Mateaki	DL	6'5"	265	Honolulu, HI	Washington
19.	Randy Hill	RB	6'2"	200	Tempe, AZ	Arizona State
20.	Justin London	LB	6'2"	232	Roanoke, VA	UCLA

SEC RANKINGS

1. TENNESSEE
2. GEORGIA
3. AUBURN
4. SOUTH CAROLINA
5. LSU
6. ARKANSAS
7. MISS. STATE
8. FLORIDA
9. OLE MISS
10. ALABAMA
11. VANDERBILT
12. KENTUCKY

1.	Gerald Riggs Jr.	RB	5'11"	217	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee
2.	Ciatrick Fason	RB	6'1"	200	Neptune Beach, FL	Florida
3.	Max Jean-Gilles	OL	6'5"	340	Miami, FL	Georgia
4.	Deljuan Robinson	DL	6'4"	270	Hernando, MS	Miss. State
5.	Brandon Jefferies	OL	6'5"	275	Shelby, NC	Tennessee
6.	Ricardo Hurley	LB	6'3"	235	Greenwood, SC	S. Carolina
7.	Jerious Norwood	RB	6'1"	190	Brandon, MS	Miss. State
8.	Kedric Golston	DL	6'4"	285	Tyrone, GA	Georgia
9.	Darren Williams	DB	6'3"	215	Clarksdale, MS	Miss. State
10.	James Banks	QB	6'3"	195	Indianapolis, IN	Tennessee
11.	Parys Haralson	LB	6'2"	235	Flora, MS	Tennessee
12.	Ben Obomanu	WR	6'3"	185	Selma, AL	Auburn
13.	Marvin Byrdsong	LB	6'3"	240	Longview, TX	Miss. State
14.	Jason Allen	DB	6'2"	200	Muscle Shoals, AL	Tennessee
15.	DeShawn Wynn	RB	6'0"	210	Cincinnati, OH	Florida
16.	Marcus Jackson	DE	6'3"	235	Norcross, GA	Georgia
17.	Jonathan Wade	WR	6'0"	180	Shreveport, LA	Tennessee
18.	Montavis Pitts	ATH	6'1"	180	Loachapoka, AL	Auburn
19.	Devin Aromashodu	WR	6'2"	185	Miami Springs, FL	Auburn
20.	Heath Benedict	OL	6'6"	285	Greer, SC	Tennessee

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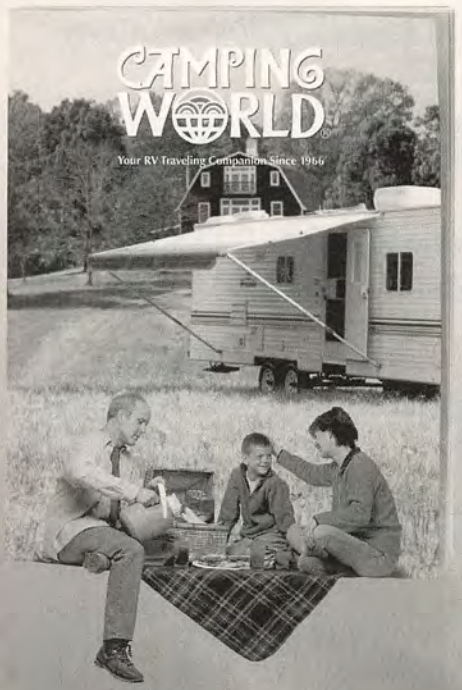
1. MTSU
2. IDAHO
3. ARKANSAS STATE
4. LOUISIANA-MONROE
5. LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE
6. NEW MEXICO STATE
7. NORTH TEXAS STATE

1.	Sam Williams	ATH	6'2"	180	Spartanburg, SC	MTSU
2.	Kelvin German	RB	5'11"	190	Fairburn, GA	MTSU
3.	Josh Harris	QB	6'3"	180	Santuck, SC	MTSU
4.	John Henry	OL	6'6"	305	Nashville, TN	MTSU
5.	Jarvis Murchison	DB	5'9"	175	Jasper, TX	Louisiana-Lafayette
6.	Matt Newell	OL	6'8"	285	Las Vegas, NV	Idaho
7.	Eric Smith	RB	5'11"	200	Kenner, LA	Louisiana-Monroe
8.	Damarea Caldwell	WR	6'1"	185	Bastrop, LA	Louisiana-Monroe
9.	John Jackson	DL	6'5"	225	Monroe, LA	Louisiana-Monroe
10.	Paul Cantrell	OL	6'4"	316	Canton, GA	MTSU
11.	Jaron Williams	LB	6'1"	200	Pasadena, CA	Idaho
12.	Hank Therien	OL	6'7"	318	Corvallis, OR	Idaho
13.	Terryl Fenton	DB	6'2"	190	New Orleans, LA	Louisiana-Lafayette
14.	Joseph Merritt II	WR	6'0"	180	Oakdale, LA	Louisiana-Monroe
15.	Chris Littleton	DB	5'11"	195	Osceola, AR	Arkansas State
16.	Charles Johnson	WR	5'10"	180	Memphis, TN	Arkansas State
17.	Sean Waller	WR	5'10"	160	Madison, TN	MTSU
18.	Wendell Octave	WR	6'1"	185	St. James, LA	Idaho
19.	Jermaine Montgomery	LB	6'0"	214	Waxahachie, TX	Arkansas State
20.	Pierre Ingram	WR	6'4"	200	Stockbridge, GA	MTSU

WAC RANKINGS

1. FRESNO STATE
2. SMU
3. HAWAII
4. TULSA
5. NEVADA
6. BOISE STATE
7. SAN JOSE STATE
8. RICE
9. LA TECH
10. UTEP

1.	Vincent Mays	DB	5'11"	200	Rancho Cordova, CA	Fresno State
2.	I'lario Vital	RB	5'11"	207	Oakland, CA	San Jose State
3.	Samson Satele	OL	6'4"	285	Kailua, HI	Hawaii
4.	Ricky Miller	LB	6'3"	240	Tustin, CA	Fresno State
5.	Aaron Danenhauer	OL	6'6"	275	Bentonville, AR	Tulsa
6.	Dwayne Andrews	LB	6'2"	235	Los Angeles, CA	Fresno State
7.	James Clancy	RB	6'0"	252	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa
8.	Trestin George	TB	5'8"	187	Berkeley, CA	San Jose State
9.	Anthony Barnett	RB	5'9"	182	Dallas, TX	SMU
10.	Ladarius Love	DL	6'3"	310	Jonesboro, LA	Louisiana Tech
11.	Jordan Christensen	QB	6'3"	185	Fresno, CA	Fresno State
12.	Robbie Dubois	RB	5'10"	205	Mission Viejo, CA	Fresno State
13.	Dane Uperesa	OL	6'5"	300	Honolulu, HI	Hawaii
14.	James Elliot	WR	6'3"	190	Sonora, TX	SMU
15.	Wayman Casey	DL	6'5"	258	Fort Smith , AR	Tulsa
16.	Leroy White	LB	6'0"	208	Garland, TX	Tulsa
17.	Daniel Francis	WR	5'11"	170	Port Arthur, TX	SMU
18.	Garrett Mills	RB	6'1"	211	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa
19.	Legedu Naanee	QB	6'2"	212	Portland, OR	Boise State
20.	Brent Karrington	DE	6'3	245	Dallas, TX	SMU



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QUARTERBACKS

Tommy Grady	6'6"	215	Huntington Beach, CA
Chris Leak	6'3"	190	Charlotte, NC
Dennis Dixon	6'4"	180	San Leandro, CA
Sam Kellar	6'4"	210	San Ramon, CA
Jamarcus Russell	6'5"	225	Mobile, AL
Richard Kovalcheck	6'3"	210	San Diego, CA
Kyle Wright	6'4"	195	Danville, CA
Justin Midget	6'4"	210	Punta Gorda, CA
Cliff Davis	6'5"	200	Eupora, MS
Andre Brown	6'1"	205	Bloomington, IL
Drew Tate	6'2"	175	Baytown, TX
Tommy Zbikowski	6'1"	190	Buffalo Grove, IL
Blake Mitchell	6'4"	190	LaGrange, GA
Robert Lane	6'3"	210	Monroe, LA
Ben Mauk	6'2"	180	Kenton, OH
James Battle	6'2"	195	Denton, TX
Joe Dailey	6'0"	200	Jersey City, NJ
Russell Hemby	6'1"	195	Orangeburg, SC
Pete Martinsen	6'4"	220	Palm Beach, FL
Syvelle Newton	6'3"	210	Bennetsville, SC
Brett Weyman	6'3"	225	Avon, CT
Devin Williams	6'3"	195	Arlington, TX
Todd Boeckman	6'5"	220	St. Henry, OH
Jacob Doss	6'4"	295	Lexington, KY
Matt Flynn	6'3"	220	Tyler, TX

RUNNING BACKS

Jason Evans	6'1"	190	Kennesaw, GA
Tyrone Moss	5'10"	210	Pompano Beach, FL
Antonio Moss	5'9"	170	Bossier City, LA
Ally Broussard	6'2"	225	Lafayette, LA
Derrick Brown	5'11"	200	Klein Oak, TX
James Johnson	6'1"	190	Port Arthur, TX
Erik Hardeman	6'1"	205	Pflugerville, TX
AJ Johnson	6'0"	225	Bolingbrook, IL
Pierre Thomas	5'11"	180	Lansing, IL
Danny Burney	6'0"	170	Sylmar, CA
Tim Castille	6'0"	220	Birmingham, AL
Sam Killingsworth	5'10"	185	Ruleville, MS
Anton Campbell	6'0"	185	O'Fallon, OH
Cade Pittman	6'0"	190	North Platte, NE
Reggie Bush	6'0"	180	San Diego, CA
Andre Callender	5'10"	185	West Orange, NJ
Cornell Johnson	6'0"	210	Las Vegas, NV
Chris Alexander	6'1"	225	Humble, TX
Barrington Edwards	6'1"	210	Bowie, MD
Demetris Summers	6'2"	215	Lexington, SC
Courtney Tennial	5'10"	210	Glenpool, OK
Skyler Thornton	6'0"	195	LaGrange, GA
Eric Packer	5'9"	185	Camden, AL
Joe Cohen	6'3"	240	Palm Bay, FL
Ron Thomas	6'1"	200	Victor Memorial, TX

WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS

B.J. Vickers	6'3"	200	Venice, CA
Ervin Taylor	6'4"	185	Mission, TX
Craig Davis	6'3"	190	New Orleans, LA
Steve Smith	6'1"	190	Woodland Hills, CA
Sean Bailey	6'1"	175	Alpharetta, GA
Greg Chambers	6'5"	190	Mill Creek, WA
Trey Koziol	6'7"	245	Hinsdale, IL
Mark Bradford	6'2"	190	Los Angeles, CA
Phillip Jones	6'0"	175	Denton,TX
Lonnie Hurst	6'2"	180	Detroit, MI
Whitney Lewis	6'1"	215	Ventura, CA
Willie Hodges	5'10"	180	Houston, TX
Devin Jordan	6'3"	180	Massillon, OH
Tristen Ross	6'2"	195	Shreveport, LA
Dorien Bryant	6'0"	175	Swedesboro, NJ
Greg Olsen	6'6"	235	Wayne Hills, NJ
Marcel Frost	6'5"	230	Lyndhurst, OH
Quintin Daniels	6'1"	175	Los Angeles, CA
Ryan Mundy	6'2"	200	Pittsburgh, PA
Jonathan Stupar	6'5"	245	State College, PA
Garrett Bushong	6'5"	225	Ionia, MI
Louis Irizarry	6'5"	235	Youngstown, OH
Stephone Robinson	5'9"	185	Denver, CO
Anthony Hill	6'2"	190	Jacksonville, FL
Antonio Cromartie	6'3"	195	Tallahassee, FL

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Aubrey McPhadden	6'6"	320	Jacksonville, FL
Martin O'Donnell	6'5"	280	Downers Grove, IL
Mike Jones	6'5"	280	Oak Lawn, IL
Jorrie Adams	6'6"	285	Jasper, TX
Drew Radovich	6'4"	285	Mission Viejo, CA
Duston Moore	6'5"	340	Brenham, TX
Kirk Elder	6'6"	290	Klein, TX
Ofa Mahetau	6'3"	325	Euless, TX
Fred McConnell	6'5"	320	Southfield, MI
Jerry Sevin	6'3"	280	River Ridge, LA
Sam Baker	6'5"	290	Tustin, CA
Aaron Brant	6'7"	300	Dubuque, IA
Will Arnold	6'5"	325	Centreville, MS
Marcus Coleman	6'5"	300	Plymouth, MN
Brian Daniels	6'5"	285	Denver, CO
Brett Thielke	6'5"	285	Sammamash, WA
Andrew Bain	6'4"	320	Pompano Beach, FL
Eric Young	6'4"	270	Union, SC
Aaron Sears	6'4"	290	Russellville, AL
Jordy Lipsey	6'4"	285	Altamonte Springs, FL
Joe Holler	6'6"	325	Lancaster, PA
Shannon Boatman	6'7"	320	Beaumont, TX
Kenyon Buford	6'5"	330	Murfreesboro, TN
Chad Macklin	6'8"	270	Visalia, CA
Tyler Medlin	6'4"	300	Cumming, GA

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Doug Van Dyke	6'6"	245	Marshall, MI
Steven Jones	6'6"	290	Brentwood, TN
Lawrence Jackson	6'4"	240	Inglewood, CA
Tate Pittman	6'4"	275	Odessa, TX
Moe Dampeer	6'4"	280	Decatur, IL
Robert Killebrew	6'1"	230	Klein, TX
Shawn Crable	6'6"	240	Massillon, OH
Tez Doolittle	6'3"	260	Opelika, AL
Ryan Kilpatrick	6'4"	230	Fort Worth, TX
Kyle Caldwell	6'3"	270	Scottsdale, AZ
Quinton Harris	6'5"	215	Little Rock, AR
Justin Warren	6'3"	235	Tyler, TX
Sian Cotton	6'4"	290	Akron, OH
Conrad Bolston	6'3"	270	Washington, DC
David Patterson	6'3"	265	Warrensville Hts., OH
Fili Moala	6'6"	295	Anaheim, CA
Joseph Bryant	6'4"	290	Jasper, TX
Victor Abaimiri	6'4"	240	Baltimore, MD
Trevor Laws	6'3"	275	Apple Valley, MN
Brandon Maupin	6'6"	280	West Chester, OH
Richard Kittrell	6'5"	305	New Haven, CT
Matt Malele	6'4"	290	Carson, CA
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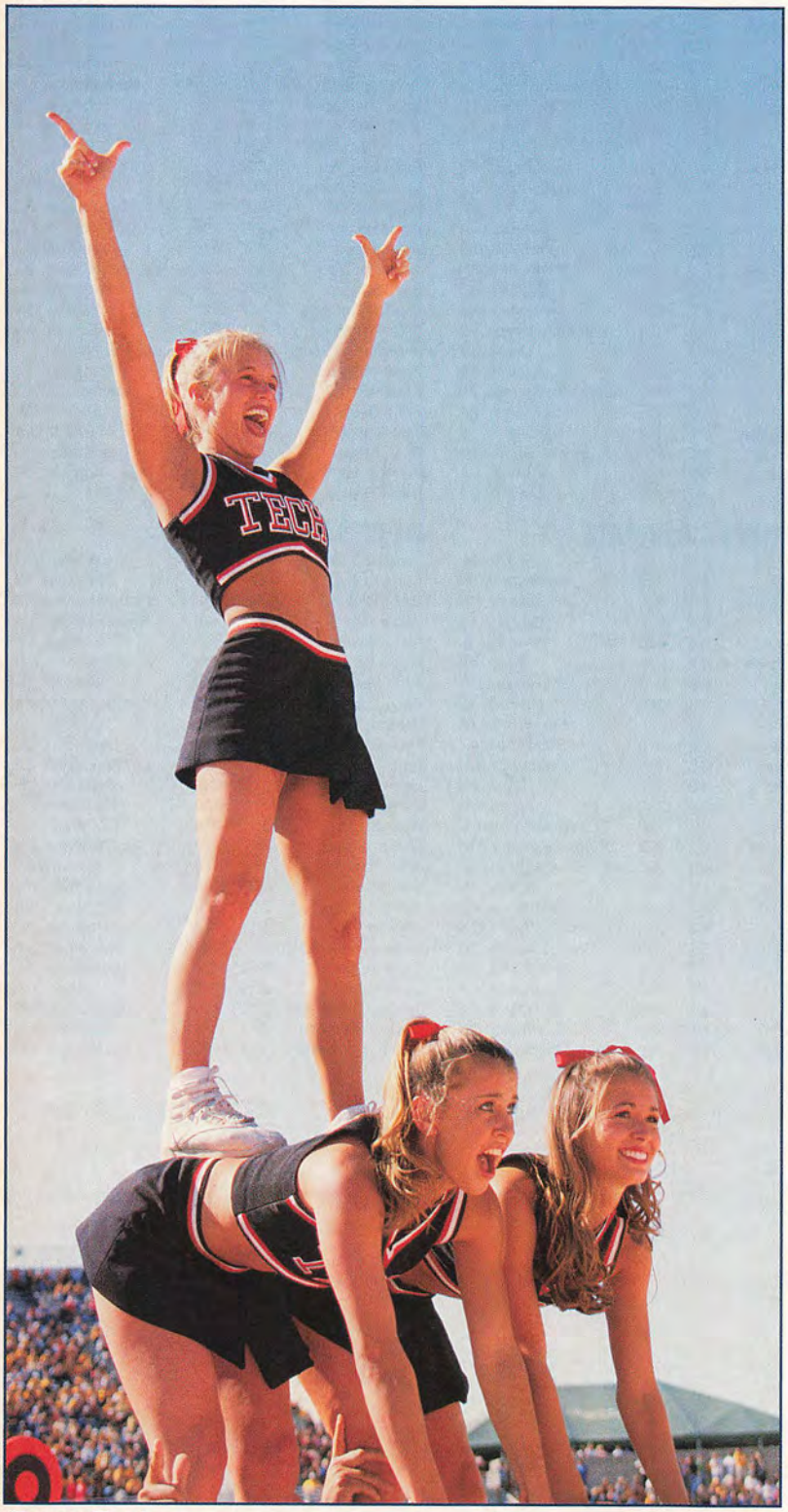
LINEBACKERS

Andre Reese	6'2"	225	Pierson, FL
Wes Jefferson	6'1"	230	Brandywine, MD
Demario Pleasant	6'3"	200	Lewisville, TX
Xavier Adibi	6'3"	210	Hampton, VA
Brandon Jackson	6'3"	225	Lake Charles, LA
TaTa Thompson	6'3"	225	Garland, TX
Jim Pressley	6'3"	225	Highland, MI
Lamar Mitchell	6'0"	230	Dayton, TX
Gene Coleman	6'3"	225	Lake Wales, FL
LaMarr Woodley	6'3"	245	Saginaw, MI
Ernie Simms	6'1"	225	Tallahassee, FL
Vince Hall	6'1"	230	Chesapeake, VA
Joe Kedra	6'4"	220	Cherry Hill, NJ
Jermaine Dias	6'2"	210	Hackensack, NJ
Ernest Jones	6'4"	210	Henderson, NJ
Preston Burgess	6'3"	220	Warren, OH
Desmond Williams	6'2"	235	Dacula, GA
Brandon Jackson	6'3"	220	Lake Washington, LA
Horatio Blades	6'1"	230	Plantation, FL
Chad Adams	6'2"	235	Anchorage, AR
Brian Banks	6'3"	230	Long Beach, CA
Tahj Bomar	6'2"	210	Kent, WA
Ryan Brown	6'2"	225	Moncks Corner, SC
Jerome Johnson	6'2"	230	Los Angeles, CA
Dane Zaslaw	6'2"	240	Edmond, OK

DEFENSIVE BACKS

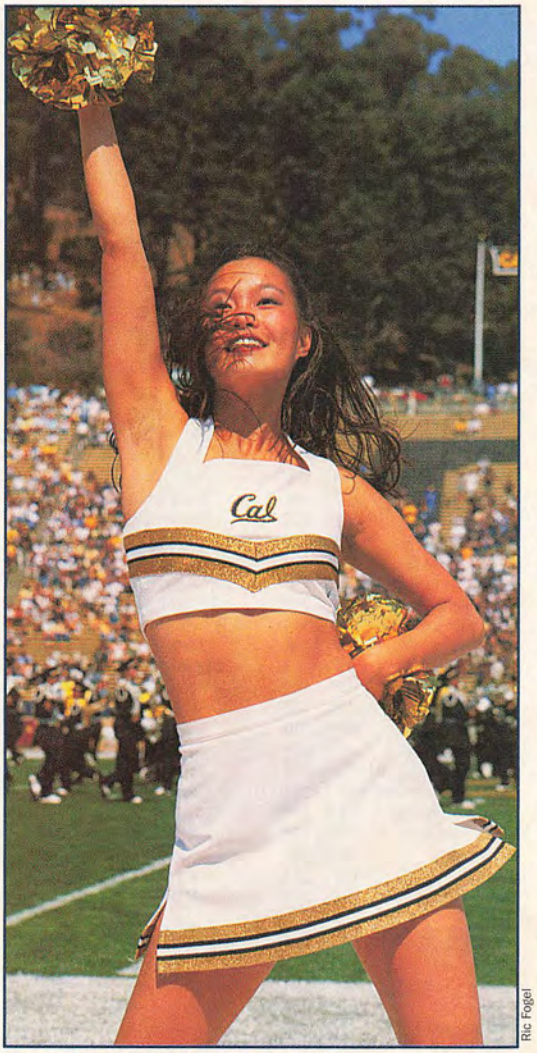
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Chris Russell	6'3"	180	Nashville, TN
Tarell Brown	5'10"	180	North Mesquite, TX
Jesse Daniel	6'0"	180	Breaux Bridge, LA
Limus Sweed	6'5"	190	Brenham, TX
Donte Whitner	6'0"	170	Cleveland, OH
Tony Cade	6'2"	200	Lewisville, TX
Eric Jackson	6'2"	180	Duncanville, TX
Jordan Jackson	6'5"	200	Bunkie, LA
Tony Gonzalez	6'0"	180	Cleveland, OH
Paul Oliver	6'0"	180	Kennesaw, GA
Brian Jones	6'1"	180	Avon Lake, OH
Dareus Hiley	6'1"	180	Cleveland, OH
Ryan Smith	5'10"	175	La Puente, CA
Brandon Tripp	6'2"	190	Los Alamitos, CA
John Randle	6'1"	175	Wichita, KS
Dee Webb	6'0"	185	Jacksonville, FL
Carlton Bailey	5'11"	170	Jonesboro, GA
Charles Timbers	5'10"	170	Oakhurst, NJ
Chad Johnson	5'11"	180	Shreveport, LA
Chris Felder	5'11"	170	Thomasville, AL
Josh Ford	5'10"	170	Carson, CA
Trumaine McBride	5'10"	170	Clarksdale, MS
Quinton Person	5'11"	175	Greenville, NC
Quinton Culberson	6'2"	200	Jackson, MS

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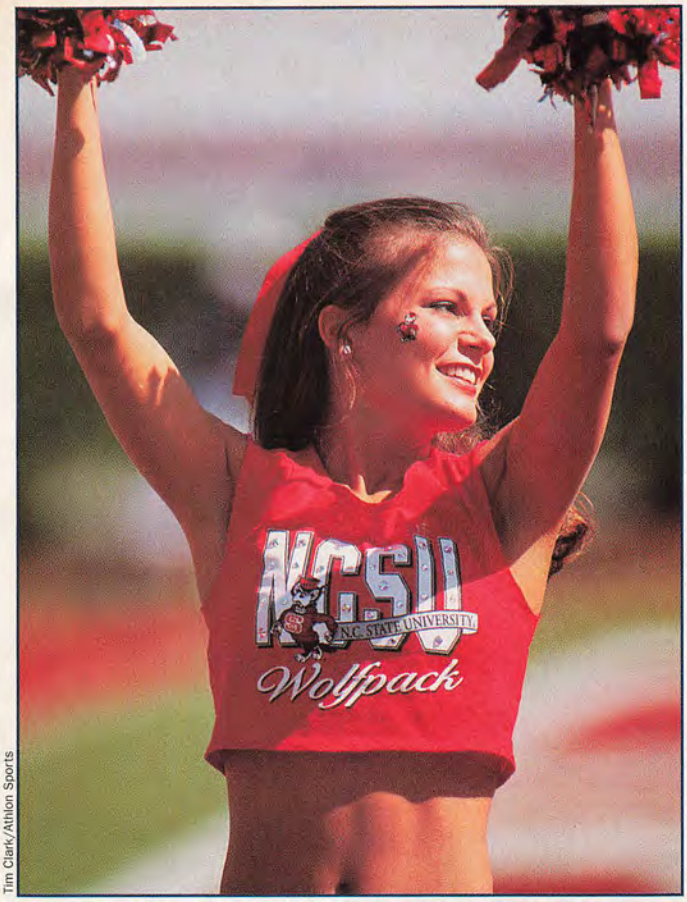
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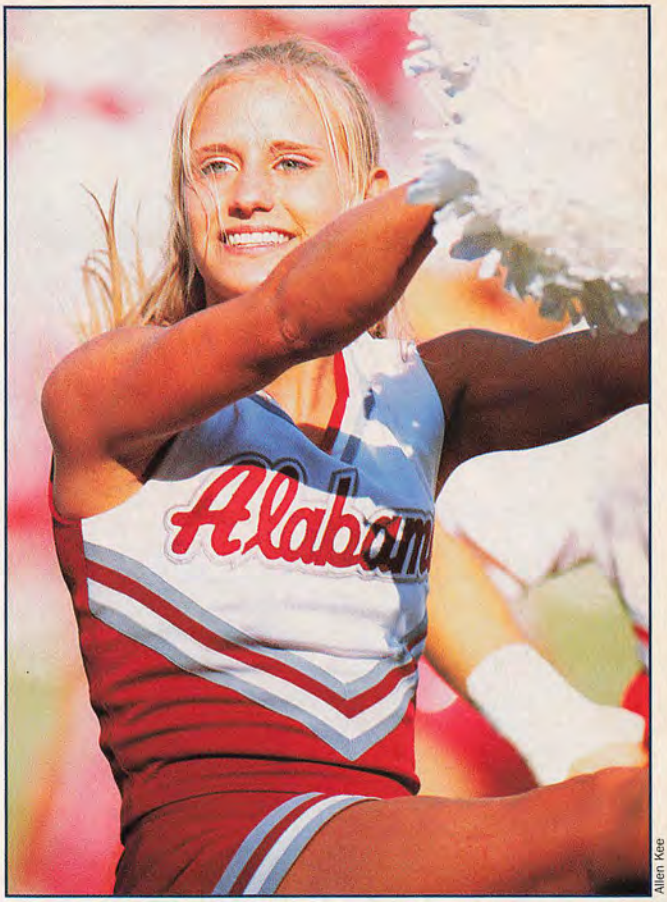
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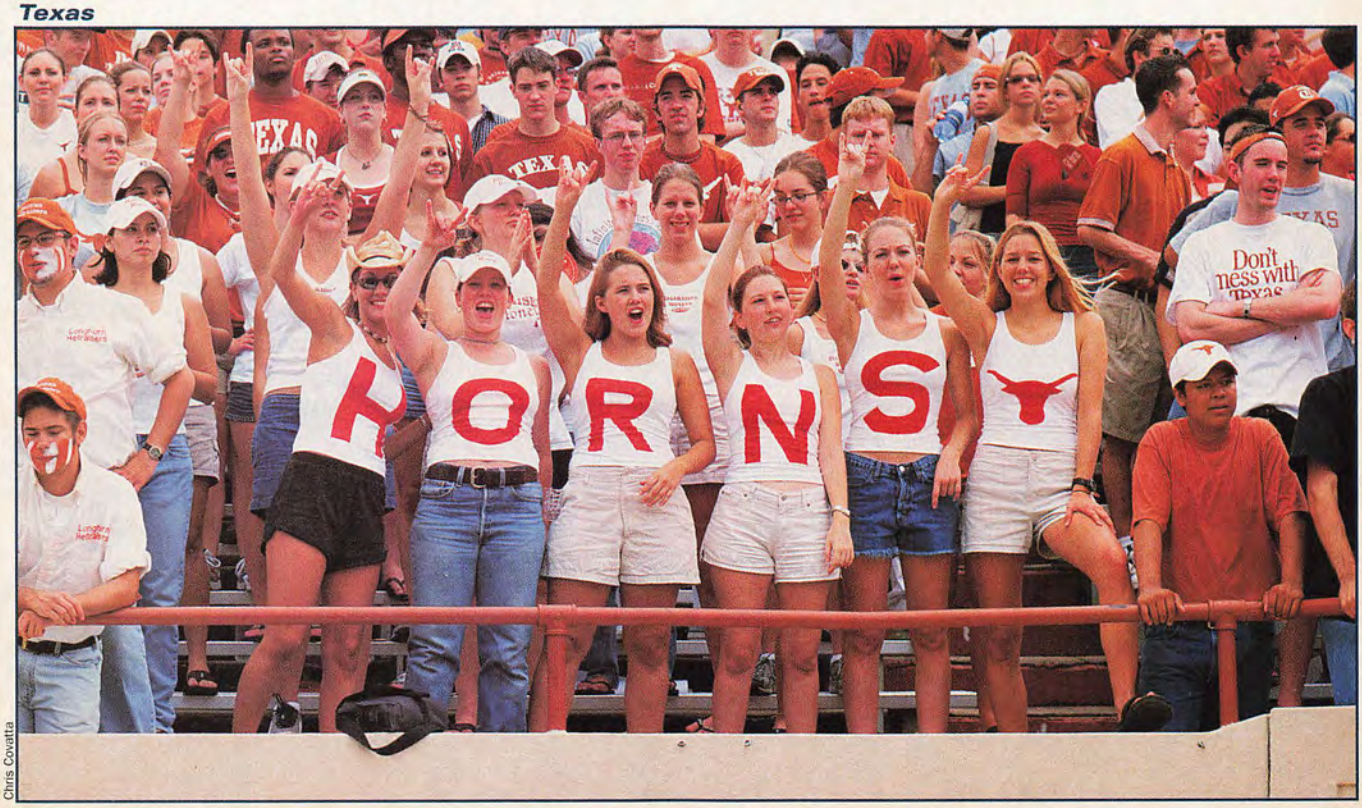
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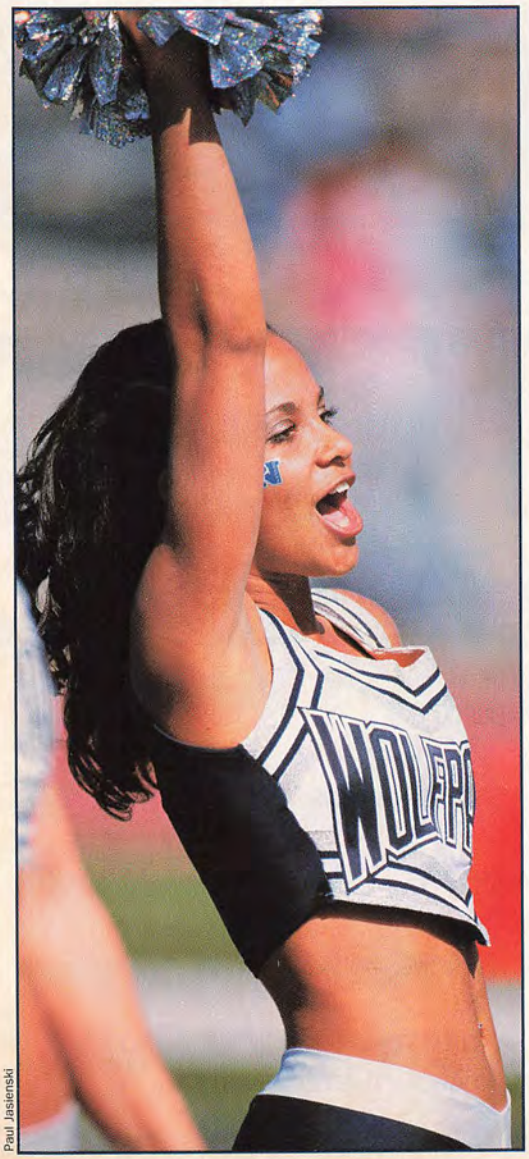


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TAILGATING TIPS

by Heather E. Hodde

LIE, CHEAT & STEAL. Don't do any of these things in order to go to a tailgate. Instead, be honest with your family members and explain to them how important being there on time and being prepared means to you and to the team. If the game is at noon on Saturday and you need to be in the parking lot by 10:00 a.m., then skip those Saturday morning cartoons and be there.

SHOW YOUR COLORS. Be passionate about your rivalries. Go out of your way to come up with funny banners that put down your foes.

TURN A PROFIT. Offer face painting or sell burritos like you are at a Grateful Dead Show.

EDUCATE THE MASSES. Get a map of the United States. Distribute copies of your team's roster that lists all the players' hometowns. Place all the names of the players in a hat. Your tailgaters, after careful study, should be able to draw a player's name out of the hat and mark the hometown on the map. *Do not display the map until game time* (not the actual game time, but the educate-the-masses game time). This is a great way to learn more about your team and its individual players as well as learning our nation's geography.



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SING. Bring a karaoke machine. By the end of the tailgate you will be begging people to stop so that you don't pee on yourself from laughing so hard.

LEVITATE. Years of work, Eastern philosophy and meditative practice will allow you to open your mind and physically float. We don't have time for that. So bring a full-sized hammock with you to the tailgate. Secure the hammock to the roof racks of a couple of vehicles opposite each other. Be sure that you put the emergency brakes on.

SIR, STEP AWAY FROM THE VEHICLE. *Always* have a designated driver and be very nice to that person. Buy the designated driver gifts.

BLOWING IN THE WIND. Wind is so in these days. I recommend decorating your tailgate area with pinwheels. They are fun and colorful. Get some of those giant bubble makers and let the wind do the blowing for you.

BRING A BIKE, SOCIALITE. If you have a bike rack on your car, bring your bike along. You will be able to ride around the parking lot(s) from tailgate to tailgate or shuttle to the port-o-lets that most stadiums set up these days. Needless to say, while you are in the game, lock the bike up.

LIGHTS AT NIGHT. Give everyone who is a part of your tailgating team a glow stick of the same color. Have them attach it to their belt loop or wrist so that everyone is easy to find.

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How to enter: Email us your recipe & picture… and please let us know when and where you will be tailgating so that we may come by and sample your dish.

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Remember… give your dish a name. *Red Beans & Rice* does not sound as exciting as *Falcons Fuel.* Please include your name, mailing address (no PO boxes please), phone number and email address if you have one.

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1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
1 Green bell pepper, chopped
1 Medium onion, chopped
1 Clove garlic, minced
3 Cans (15 oz. each) red kidney beans, drained
2 Cans (10 oz. each) Ro*Tel Chunky Tomatoes and Green Chilies
1 Tablespoon chili powder

Directions:

In a large pot, brown beef, pepper, onion and garlic; drain. Add remaining ingredients. Heat to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 30 minutes.

Make it your own by:

Adding jalapeños for some more kick. If you're brave enough to mix meats, and the tailgate areas has nearby facilities (if you know what I mean), pour this Laredo Chili over a hot dog straight off the grill. You have just created the Laredo Mean Fighting Dog Chili. Oh, it is so worth it!



Caroline West

WORLD FAMOUS CHEESE DIP (CHILI CON QUESO)

1 10 oz. can Ro*Tel Tomatoes and Green Chilies
1 lb. pasteurized American cheese

Directions:

Melt cheese in a double broiler. Once melted, mix in 1 can of Ro*Tel Tomatoes and Green Chilies. Serve warm as dip with corn chips or crackers.

Make it your own by:

Taking ballpark pretzels and basting them with beer. Salt. Warm the pretzels on the grill at your tailgate. These will disappear faster than your chips.



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FIERY MACARONI AND CHEESE WITH HAM

4 cups (12 oz.) spiral pasta
1 can (10 oz.) Ro*Tel Original
1 lb. pasteurized process cheese spread, cubed
1 cup diced ham

Directions:

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain. Return to pot. Add Ro*Tel, cheese and ham. Stirring constantly, cook over medium heat until cheese is melted.

Make it your own by:

Renaming it "Footballs in the Huddle" just for fun.



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NO GRILL?!

If you don't have a grill with a hotplate or a portable camping stove, go buy one. If you are long-distance tailgating from home, use the grill to get the tailgate feel on everything except chili and sauces. All meats must be cooked on the grill. If the weather is bad use one of the Hamilton Beach indoor grills. It is unforgivable to cook meats on anything other than a grill when watching football. That goes for those of you in lake effect snow areas too.

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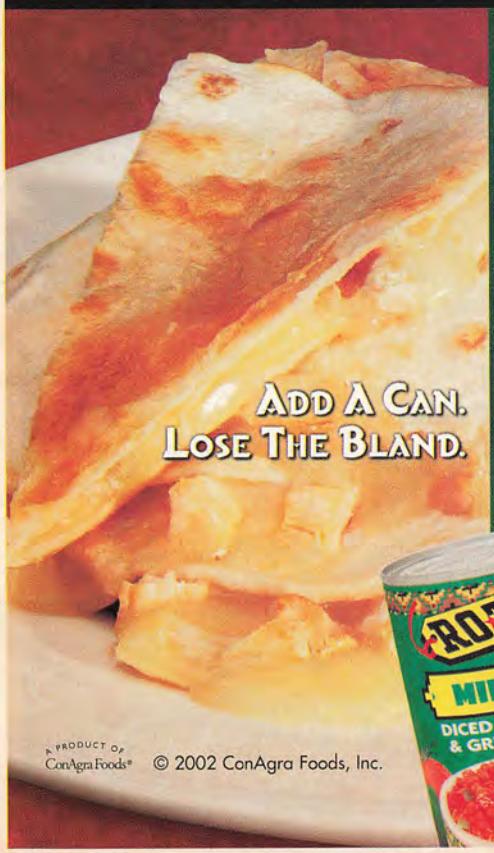
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VIEWS FROM THE PARKING LOT

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE EYE

In sports photography, lots of things can go wrong. For instance, a photographer must have the player's face both in focus and well lit, even on overcast days, hence, keep your eye on his eye. Even professional photographers may shoot an entire game, some 15 to 20 rolls, and still have only a few quality pieces. Sometimes just the ball is in focus, or just the shoulder pads or a defender may step in front of your target, or a huge shadow blots out your target's face. Sometimes you forget to take the lens cap off or open the back of the camera before it is done rewinding (although I've never done that, of course).

Are you a photo freak? If you would like to give it shot, please send some samples of your work. The pictures can be of your kid's (or somebody else's kid's) football, baseball, soccer or any sport, at any level, Little League to Pro. The picture must be action like: running with a plate through a gauntlet of other tailgaters, tossing a friend a beverage or throwing a ball. Don't be afraid to get creative but try to stay clothed. Please shoot outdoor sports action.

The submissions will be judged by Athlon's Editorial team and Photo Editor, Tim Clark. The winner of the Keep your Eye on the Eye contest will receive a training day with Tim Clark. The first runner-up with receive an Olympus Digital Camera. Judging will be based on creativity and quality.

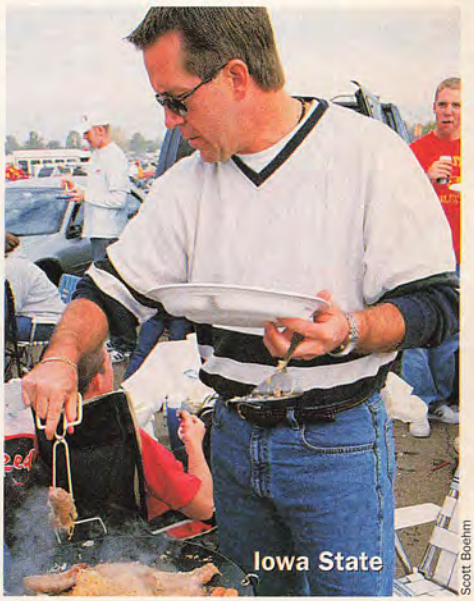
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Athlon Sports Complete Ranking – Game by Game

Well, here it is — the 2002 season at a glance. At Athlon, we're in the prognostication business, so we've endeavored to predict the outcome of each game. Below are the projected records that resulted from that exercise. You'll notice that we've hedged a bit by assigning certain games the "swing" designation (the third number in each record is the number of "swing" games). Fear not — when the season begins, we'll be predicting the outcome of the swing games each week. Just visit our website during each week for our forecasts — www.athlonsports.com. And while you're there, weigh in with your predictions.

1. Florida State	11–0–2	40. Notre Dame	5–5–2	79. Air Force	4–4–4
2. Texas	10–0–2	41. Clemson	4–4–4	80. Kentucky	1–8–3
3. Miami	9–0–3	42. Auburn	3–5–4	81. Northwestern	2–7–3
4. Tennessee	10–0–2	43. Penn State	4–4–4	82. Vanderbilt	2–8–2
5. Oklahoma	10–0–2	44. Ole Miss	4–6–2	83. California	1–8–3
6. Washington	9–0–3	45. Southern Miss	8–2–2	84. Temple	2–9–1
7. LSU	8–0–4	46. Pittsburgh	6–3–3	85. Indiana	2–8–2
8. Colorado	9–0–3	47. Iowa State	5–5–3	86. SMU	6–6–0
9. Michigan	8–0–4	48. Virginia	2–7–4	87. UAB	3–7–2
10. Florida	7–0–5	49. Miss. State	3–6–3	88. San Diego State	1–9–3
11. Nebraska	11–0–2	50. Louisiana Tech	6–3–3	89. Ball State	5–5–2
12. USC	8–0–4	51. Purdue	6–6–0	90. Rutgers	2–8–2
13. Ohio State	10–0–3	52. Bowling Green	10–0–2	91. Western Mich.	4–5–3
14. Georgia	9–1–2	53. Wake Forest	3–5–4	92. Tulane	2–6–4
15. Wash. State	9–0–4	54. Stanford	3–6–2	93. Nevada	2–9–1
16. Louisville	10–0–1	55. Cincinnati	7–2–4	94. Kent State	4–6–2
17. Wisconsin	10–0–3	56. Oklahoma State	4–7–1	95. North Texas	6–6–0
18. Virginia Tech	7–1–5	57. Fresno State	7–4–2	96. Wyoming	2–9–1
19. NC State	10–1–2	58. Missouri	3–8–1	97. Troy State	3–7–1
20. Utah	9–1–1	59. Memphis	6–3–3	98. New Mexico St.	3–6–3
21. Michigan State	8–0–4	60. North Carolina	2–6–4	99. Army	1–6–5
22. Maryland	11–1–1	61. East Carolina	6–2–4	100. Navy	1–7–4
23. Marshall	10–0–1	62. UCF	7–3–2	101. Duke	0–11–1
24. South Carolina	6–4–2	63. Middle Tennessee	8–2–2	102. Utah State	2–7–2
25. Oregon	7–1–4	64. Boise State	8–1–3	103. UTEP	2–7–3
26. Boston College	8–1–3	65. Arizona State	3–6–4	104. Rice	0–6–5
27. Arkansas	7–1–4	66. Hawaii	8–3–2	105. Akron	1–6–5
28. Texas A&M	7–3–2	67. Minnesota	3–7–2	106. Houston	1–8–3
29. Texas Tech	6–4–3	68. New Mexico	6–5–2	107. Ohio	1–7–4
30. Georgia Tech	6–4–2	69. TCU	5–3–3	108. Idaho	1–7–4
31. BYU	8–0–4	70. West Virginia	3–8–1	109. Tulsa	0–8–4
32. Alabama	7–2–3	71. Arizona	2–8–2	110. Central Mich.	1–9–2
33. UCLA	5–4–3	72. UNLV	2–5–5	111. Buffalo	0–8–4
34. Illinois	7–3–2	73. Miami (Ohio)	4–5–3	112. Connecticut	1–8–3
35. Oregon State	7–2–3	74. Northern Illinois	4–2–6	113. UL-Monroe	1–8–3
36. Iowa	7–2–3	75. Baylor	2–8–2	114. San Jose State	0–11–2
37. Colorado State	8–1–3	76. Toledo	4–2–6	115. UL-Lafayette	0–9–3
38. Syracuse	6–2–4	77. Kansas	2–8–2	116. Eastern Mich.	2–7–3
39. Kansas State	7–4–1	78. South Florida	4–6–1	117. Arkansas State	2–7–4



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